services, including cash

today by British Rail as

the linchpin of its multi-

million pound passengers'

and cancellations will be giv-

en cash compensation and

other customers who are delayed by more than an hour will be given travel vouchers worth up to one-fifth of the cost of the affected journey.

The compensation scheme, originally intended to apply only to annual season ticket

holders, will be extended to all

The charter, which will be

presented by Sir Bob Reid,

the BR chairman, will also

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Life for

soldiers

Two Ulster Defence Regi-

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murder of a Catholic man.

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Maginn, a father of four.

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Britons are rejecting the nanny state according to a

survey on consumer spend-ing. Over the past ten years there has been a significent

rise in the proportion of

income spent on personal security. Sickness and acci-

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Banks and building societ-

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On your bikes

The British Medical Asso-

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can become healthy, well-

balanced people simply by

leaving the car at home

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Bush blunder

President Bush confessed

that breaking his "read my lips: no new taxes" pledge was the biggest mistake of

his presidency..... Page 10

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Britons help

themselves

Andrew Browne, a for-

Special treatment for South-East

vouchers last year under its existing discretionary com-pensation system. About £3 million of that sum was spent

on extending season tickets for travellers whose journeys

were disrupted during bad

Under the new scheme, BR

could pay up to £10 million in cash and travel vouchers in a

had year, although Roger Freeman, the transport min-ister, has already made it clear that the government

would not want to endorse

Reid: will today unveil

BR passengers' charter

in Ireland is reported to be in

Britain for genetic tests to

The 14-year-old, who had been banned from travelling

abroad by a High Court in-junction until the decision was overturned by the Su-

preme Court last week, is not

believed to be seeking an abortion during the visit, but

she may return shortly to have a termination. She is

believed to be at least 12

Senior police officers in

Dublin are said to be keen

that genetic tests are carried

out after discussing the sub-

The Irish Attorney-general

was alerted to the case after

initial enquiries by the family

fingerprinting evidence once

ject with the girl's parents.

weeks pregnant.

help to convict her rapist.

gers, to overcome some of the

hostility that has built up towards BR over the past 18

John Prescott, Labour's

transport spokesman, yester-day dismissed the proposals

as "an exercise in public rela-tions. I predict that it will do

nothing to improve quality on the railways," he said.

old trick of re-defining what is a late train. They did that

before with InterCity. In

1986-7, 23 per cent of trains were more than five minutes

late; in 1987-8, only 13 per

cent of trains were considered to be late because the defini-

tion was more than ten min-

utes after the advertised time

Network SouthEast passen-

However, Mr Prescott said, "passengers don't want com-

pensation for a poor service, they want better quality and they will not get it through a rail charter aimed

at paying for failure not in-

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Tests on abortion girl

could trap her rapist

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

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Employers seeking chief ex-ecutives, managers and oth-er senior staff are advertising tomorrow in 13 pages of ap-pointments in the Life & Times section





Flying lesson: Norma Major, prime minister's wife and former teacher, starts a pancake race in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, yesterday, by demonstrating the politically apposite art of getting out of the frying pan

Women launch test case over raised retirement age

BY LINDSAY COOK AND FRANCES GIBB

gers sufficing long-term fail-ures in service quality may be targeted to specific lines in marginal constituencies." THE Equal Opportunities Commission is backing 91 women in a test case against their employer who increased their retirement age from 60 to 65 without their consent.

The case, which is likely to lead to another European Court ruling on pensions, is the latest twist in the fight to ensure equal pension benefits in Britain for men and

The women were told last June by Avdel Systems of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, that to comply with a European court judgment, their retirement age was being increased to 65. Those women who chose still to re-tire at 60 would find their

tire at 60 would find their pensions reduced by 4 per cent for each year below 65. The commission is backing one named employee, Marie Jones, plus 90 others in their industrial tribunal clarm. the constitutional ban on High Court judge last month as "depraved and evil, is alleged to be the father of a The commission is already school friend. He has vehesupporting a second pensions mently denied allegations case involving 31 female em-ployees of Cameron Iron-works in Leeds.

A debate on whether the constitutional ban on abor-The EOC agreed yesterday that in some respects it looked as though their landmark rultion should be deleted or amended opens in the Irish ing in the Barber case in 1989, which held that pen-Senate today. The issue will also be discussed at a meeting of bishops at Maynooth, Co Kildare, next week. sions benefits were part of pay and men and women had to be treated equally, had back-fired. Some 60 per cent of The government is unlikely to decide what action, if any, is required until ministers employers are equalising pen-sion ages upwards to 65, and as a result, hundreds of women are being denied the have considered the full judgment of the Supreme Court, about how to gain genetic , which is expected to be handfull pension they expected at 60. Lorraine Fletcher, the ed down either tomorrow or

Two recent surveys highlight the problems women face. One shows that 60 per cent of employers have responded to the Barber judgment by equalising upwards at 65, and yet we are not sure whether this is lawful. Our own re-search shows that pensions systems don't deliver adequate pensions for women. Equalising upwards without

appears to be adding insult to injury."
Alan Lakin, the commission's senior legal adviser, said the European court had to decide "whether, to give effect to a judgment that de-clares there must be equal treatment, you can deliver

EOC pensions adviser, said: that equal treatment by disadvantaging one sex".

Ms Jones said: "We were

totally devastated and hurt to think that the company could treat us like this. We cannot believe that this was the only course of action open to them." Avdel said it was acting in "common with the majority of employers".

Today, the government will launch a £100,000 campaign against discrimination at work. More than 36,000 companies will be sent a guide urging them to formu-late policies to help women, ethnic groups and the disabled find a job.

Unhappy returns L&T section, page 5

Old Welsh counties may come back to life

BY DOUGLAS BROOM

thorities will take over running Wales, restoring the county names of Pembrokeshire. Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire to the map, if the Conservatives win the general election.

David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, said yesterday that the authorities will result from the merging of 37 district councils and the abolition of eight county councils. Cardiff and Swansea will regain ad-

TWENTY-three local au- ministrative controls they lost in 1974.

The plans for Wales are the first to be unveiled from the government's promised re-organisation of local govern-ment in Britain. Whitehali said that the proposals for replacing county councils with unitary authorities bearing traditional county names were likely to be repeated in England.

Map redrawn, page 7

licks his wounds A government ambushed in the Lords walked into a trap of its own making, David Lipsey write

Snared

Clarke

Ambushed he may have been in the Lords the previous night, but Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, sounded anything but mortally wounded when he appeared on the Today programme yesterday morning.

He was not yet ready to give the government's considered response to the events of the previous night, where the Lords had (in the words of its proposer, Lady Blatch) "torn the heart" from his bill to further the "parent's charter" for schools.

But he was fully ready to seek political capital from the defeat by pinning the blame on the teachers' unions for sponsoring the wrecking amendments.

The unions, it is true, have been active in opposing the Education (Schools) Bill. On February 18, a letter signed by six teaching union general secretaries had been sent to every peer.

They protested at its provisions that education authorities should not be allowed to send in inspectors, and that inspectors were to be appointed by governing bodies. But the unions were not alone in lobbying for change. The bill's critics included the local authority associations, and many educationalists.

One of the amendments passed by the Lords was proposed by Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, grandson of Stanley Baldwin, the Tory prime minister. Earl Baldwin, himself a former education officer, is a cross-bencher. Nobody would think of him as a union

Though the unions were active in drafting amend-ments, those carried by the from those the unions pro-

Even union officials closely involved in the campaign were disinclined to claim the credit. "I wish we were that powerful", says Olive Forsyth of the National Union of

Teachers.

The government's defeat owed less to union power than to the tactical skills of the bill's opponents.

A Tory whip once com-Continued on page 16, col 2

Clarke's new deal, page 2

TODAY IN THE TIMES **NEW OLD**

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Michael Hopkins is transforming the appearance of sacred English sites with a sense of context Life & Times Page 3

> MAKING **WAVES**



Fern FM, Britain's first all-female radio station will open on Sunday Life & Times Page 4

DIET DEBATE A BIT FISHY



James Le Fanu finds ideal-diet arguments by the World Health Organisation unconvincing Page 12

an abortion had been carried Fatal nosedive of Flight 585 baffles experts

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

WHEN American airliners fall out of the sky, the investigators usually take little time to find the probable cause and then go on to advise on steps to avoid a repeat. Now the experts say they are stumped. The disaster which has turned into

one of the biggest mysteries of modone of the biggest mysteries of mod-ern aviation happened a year ago yesterday. United Airlines Flight 585, a Boeing 737, was two minutes from landing at Colorado Springs when it suddenly pitched up, yawed to the right and rolled nose-down into a park. For 10 seconds, Harold Green, the captain, and Patricia Eidson, the first officer, tried to re-gain control of the jet before break-ing into their final screams and swearing. Only crumpled debris in a swearing. Only crumpled debris in a 10ft hole remained of the jet and its

1,000-ft plunge to the ground. Four dozen people, including a con-

trol tower operator and 13 pilots. watched the crash from close range, some of them reporting the sight of thorrified passengers staring out of the cabin windows. But despite the evidence of flight recorders, albeit not the most modern kind, recon-struction of the aircraft and expert witnesses, the National Transportation Safety Board says it has ruled

out every conceivable cause. Some experts are speculating that the aircraft ran into an extraordinarily powerful rotor, a violent rolling wave of air comparable to a horizontal tornado which is generated in the lee of moutatains. Colorado Springs lies in the lee of the Rockies at board says the Boeing 737, the world's most common airliner,

should have withstood a rotor wave. None of us wants to leave an accident like this unsolved," said John Lauber, who headed the enquiry. But we can't manufacture a cause out of thin air."

The Boeing company, United Air-lines and the safety board have spent large sums reconstructing every vital system of the 737-200, artempting to replicate every theory, scrutinising formation on the weather that day and even calling in the Smithsonian museum to identify a feather found at the site. It proved not to have come from any local bird, ruling out the possibility of a bird strike. Everything about Flight 585 was normal and the crew's performance, recorded by the cockpit voice and instru-

ment recorder, was textbook.
"Nice-looking day. Hard to believe the skies are unfriendly," said Mr Green as the airliner was moving

from the gate at Denver airport before the 20-minute flight. Along the way, Ms Eidson commented about mountain rotors. "They're dangerous, could tear a wing off." Both pilots were veterans with good

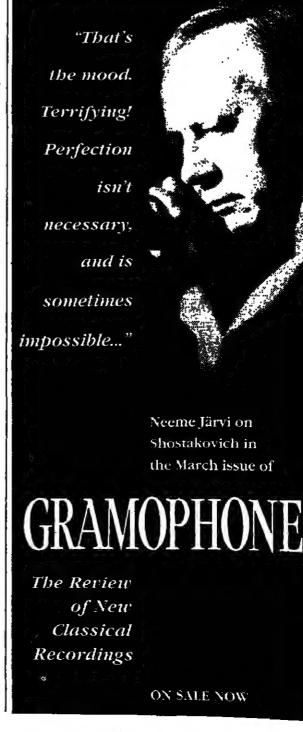
Controllers warned the crew of possible wind shear on the approach to Colorado Springs, a common and potentially dangerous phenomenon. Crews are trained to respond rapidly to the airspeed fluctuations that denote windshift. According to the data

retrieved, the airliner kept up ade-quate flying speed until the instant it lurched sideways and down.

The tower controller who watched the dive said: "Nothing I've ever seen has fallen straight down like this. It

never spun. It went straight in."

For a while, the investigators thought a faulty rudder could have Continued on page 16, col 6



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UDR soldiers convicted of murdering Catholic man

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TWO Ulster Defence Regi-ment soldiers, both former members of mainland regiments, were convicted by Belfast crown court yesterday of the murder of a Roman Catholic man. The crime, in August 1989, led to the settingup of an outside investigation into collusion between Loyalist paramilitaries and the security forces in Northern

Andrew Browne, aged 27, who had served with the Gordon Highlanders, and Andrew Smith, aged 31, who served with the Devon and Dorset Regiment, received

They were convicted with two other men of aiding and abetting in the murder of Loughlin Maginn, a father of four aged 28, who was shot dead at his home at Rathfriland in Co Down in August 1989. It is believed that the men who actually pulled the trigger have never been arrested

In trying to justify the kill-ing, the Loyalist paramilitary Ulster Freedom Fighters (a cover for the Ulster Defence Association) said they had singled out Mr Maginn after identifying him as an IRA liaison officer on intelligence material leaked to them by

the security forces. The claim led to the enquiry into collusion between the security forces and Loyalists. It was headed by John Stevens, formerly deputy chief constable of Cambridgeshire. Jailing the soldiers, Lord Justice Kelly said that he hoped their prosecution dis-pelled once and for all the notion that only gunmen could be guilty of murder. Browne, of Blaris Park, Lisburn, was also convicted of

the murder of Liam McKee,

killed two months before Mr Maginn. Lord Justice Kelly said he had tracked both victims for the UFF. "He was an accessory be fore the fact to each murder in that he targeted the where abouts and movements of each of these men, believing them to be members of the IRA, and then passed on the

the UDA," he said. The judge said that Smith, of Palace Barracks, Holywood, Co Down, had been persuaded by Browne to steal ammunition from his base and passing it on to him for use by the UFF.

information he acquired to

Browne was given concur-rent terms totalling 64 years, but because he had once been an exemplary soldier and an honourable man" the judge did not recommend a minimum term. Smith received a total of 66 years and again no recommendation was made.

Jeffrey McCullough, aged 29, of Tonagh Park, Lisburn, a self-confessed UFF man, who had driven the gunman the shooting of Mr Maginn, and Edward Jones, aged 27. of Blaris Park, Lisburn, who had taken Browne and a UDA man on a reconnaissance mission to the Maginn home two weeks before the killing, were also jailed.



Free to laugh: former hostages Terry Waite and John McCarthy with foreign secretary Douglas Hurd, left, and wife Judy after a luncheon yesterday in London

Social fund boosted after critical report

By Jeremy Laurance SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE government last night announced a £75 million cash injection for the social fund, the safety net for the poor, after its watchdog committee on social security yesterday published a report criticising the fund as a "lottery" inadequate to meet needs.

The 30 per cent increase will take the fund's budget to £302 million in 1992-3, Nicholas Scott, the social security minister, told the Commons. However, Michael Meacher, for Labour, said that £40 million had aiready been used to top up this year's allocation of £228 million in response to the rise in unem-

ployment. Only £35 million of the increase was new money,

Earlier, Peter Barclay, chairman of the Social Security Advisory Committee, said that the fund's budget should be doubled. The committee's report recommended major restructuring of the fund to make it fairer.

People living on income support should qualify automatically for a grant of at least £500 if they move to unfurnished accommodation, the report said. A mandatory grant would end the "lottery" f payments being made at Lords' coup on school inspectors

Clarke tries for new deal

By John O'Leary and Sheila Gunn

KENNETH Clarke, education secretary, remained defiant yesterday over his plans to privatise school inspections as overnment business managers attempted to salvage as much as possible of the Parent's Charter.

Mr Clarke insisted that two defeats in the Lords would not prevent the Education (Schools) Bill becoming law before a general election. A series of statements implied that the government would overturn the amendments at the bill's report stage in the Lords next Tuesday.

The scale of the defeats makes a government victory

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uncertain, however. Negotiations had begun with the Lords and opposition parties last night, leaving open the possibility of withdrawing the government's proposals to reform school inspections.

With Parliamentary time running out before an April 9 election, ministers' priority is to ensure the survival of sections of the bill introducing league tables of schools. Although the amended system of inspections is widely regarded as unworkable, a deal may be struck to accommo-date the Lords' wishes in a redrafted version of the bill.

Mr Clarke is understood to have discussed the defeats with John Major yesterday morning before a meeting at Downing Street on the Tory

election manifesto. The two amendments assed by the Lords gave the head of Her Majesty's Schools Inspectorate power to approve school inspection teams, and restored local authorities' rights to inspect their own schools. School govtheir own inspectors, allowing access to local authority inspectors only if they tendered successfully.

Opposition spokesmen

claimed that the effect of the defeats was to turn the inspection plans into a Labour bill. Baroness Blackstone. Labour's education spokeswoman in the Lords, said: "Mr Clarke's measure would unquestionably have dam-aged standards in schools. His measure has no friends." Stephen Byers, chairman of the metropolitan authorities' education committee, ap-pealed to the government to

withdraw the whole bill to allow talks to take place on new methods of inspection and monitoring of standards. Mr Clarke replied: "I will certainly not withdraw the bill, and I remain confident that it will reach the statute

In an earlier radio interview, he said: "This bill is very important, it is the Parent's Charter Bill. It is important that we do get the perfor-mance tables, more information to the public.

"It is very important we open up inspection to the outside world and what I still believe is we can get a bill through parliament that will bring in a system of regular inspecting and reporting back to parents."

Teachers' and inspectors' organisations expressed relief at the success of the amendments. William Wright, general secretary of the National Association of Inspectors and Educational Advisers, said: "This offers a real hope that the whole ragbag of nonsense bish bin, where it belongs.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: The amendments introduce much needed sanity into the inspection arrangements for schools, which were always fatally flawed." Russell Clarke, assistant general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association said: "The government needs to have an independent national inspection system which has the respect and support of par-ents, teachers and schools."

Anatomy of a coup, page 1

DNA test 'trapped killer'

Body samples frozen by scientists for ten years helped to trap the killer of a teenage girl 13 years after she was raped and strangled, a court was told yesterday (Craig Seton

The body of Candice Williarns, aged 13, was found on the roof of a 12-storey block of flats in Erdington, Birmingham, in 1978, but a massive police investigation failed to find her killer. Richard Wakerley, QC, for the prose-cution, told Birmingham crown court that Patrick Hassett, aged 33, of no fixed address, who lived in Erdington at the time, had been arrested in February last year for the murder of the girl. Mr Hassett denied the

charge.
Mr Wakerley said that scientists took semen samples from the girl's body in 1978 and froze them at the Forensic Science Laboratory until the technique of DNA profiling or genetic fingerprinting was developed. He said that after Mr Hassett's arrest last year, a DNA profile from a strand of his hair was found to match that of the semen sample taken from the girl's

body.
Mr Wakerley said that the girl had been strangled with a shoelace and her cardigan. She was killed so that she could not identify her

The trial continues today.

148mph dash

Leslie Coe, who drove his sports car on the M25 at 148mph and claimed he was late for a wedding, was barned from driving for six months, fined £700 and ordered to pay £110 costs yesterday by Brentwood magistrates, Essex. Police chased Coe, aged 34, of Brentwood, for two miles before his Porsche slowed in traffic at the Dartford tunnel. He de-nied reckless driving.

Debt lessons

Three primary schools in Birmingham are introducing lessons on how to deal with hardship, which will teach children as young as eight about the perils of debt and homelessness and the benefits they may become entitled to. The scheme has been operating in secondary schools and a sixth form college for five months and is to be extended in Nechells. Ladywood and Sparkhill.

British fortunes improved in

Russians paint the Queen in miniature

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TWO Russian artists spent almost two hours with the Queen yesterday, painting the first portrait of a British monarch to be commissioned by the Kremlin.

Leonid Efros and Alexei Maximov, miniaturists from St Petersburg, are painting an enamel portrait that will be added to the portraits, historic china, regalia and jewellery of the Russian tsars now housed in the Kremlin Armoury. An exhibition of the treasures will held next year in the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace agreed to a Russian embassy request in December that her

The two artists joined a sitting arranged for a Spanish painter, Theo Ramos. "She was so nice," Mr Efros said. "She talked to us and made us feel at ease - the

portrait should be included.

atmosphere was very natural. It was like being at home." The artists made sketches

and water colours during the sitting but will not be granted another. They said, however, that the live sitting and personal contact with the Queen had been of vital importance. Mr Efros said that he expected the enamel painting to take up to four months to

They have also been commissioned to paint the Prin-cess Royal, and a sitting is to be held next week. The Russians are negotiating with the Palace to approach other members of the royal family for sittings. They then hope to move on to King Juan Carlos of Spain, Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, King Baudouin of Belgium and any other European royalty who can be persuaded to sit.

Short victory

the sixth round of the international chess tournament in Linares, Spain, with Nigel Short defeating Viswanathan Anand (India), and Jon Speelman drawing with the world champion, Gary Kasparov. Leading scores after completion of adjourned games: Kasparov 412 points out of 6: Beliavsky (Ukraine) and Karpov (Russia) both 4.

Nuns seek to evict ex-novice BY RICHARD DUCE

A FORMER novice nun is fighting to keep her home of 50 years in a legal dispute with an order of French nuns who claim the house is theirs, the High Court was told

The Sisters of the Congregation of Tours want the court to order the eviction of Patricia Wright from the house in Muswell Hill, north London, said to be worth

£210,000. Robin Hay, for the French order, said Miss Wright, who is in her fifties, borrowed money in 1981 from the Sisters to buy the property for £15,000. She borrowed a fur-ther £45,000 to refurbish the

Then in 1982 Miss Wright handed the property over to the nuns when she became a postulant at their convent in France. But after six months there were doubts about her suitability for religious life. Mr Hay said.

In June 1985 she returned with a sister Dalichoux to the Muswell Hill house with a gift of £3,500 to help them resettle on condition that they moved after six months.

The two women are still in the house.

The muns want to sell the property and in 1988 had an offer for £210,000. They offered to give half the act proceeds to Miss Wright after deducting the purchase price and refurbishment costs so that she could buy somewhere smaller.

Miss Wright claimed she has a right to the house and wanted £100,000. She has refused to leave and the house has still not been sold The hearing continues



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Banks launch £3 m campaign to fight plastic card fraud

BY SARA MCCONNELL

BANKS and building societies announced a £3 million advertising campaign yester-day to raise public awareness of plastic card fraud, which cost them £165.6 million last

Figures released yesterday by the Association for Payment Clearing Services, which represents 21 high street banks and building societies, disclosed that fraudulent use of cards had cost the banks £43.1 million more than in 1990. Out of 80 million are lost or stolen every year, an average of 5,500 a

day. John Davies, chairman of

the association, said: "Our purpose is to detlare war against the plastic card criminal. The industry will use national press advertising and direct mailing to get across the message of its new Card Watch campaign, and is working with the Home Office crime prevention unit and the police.

Last October the banks told Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, that they would com-mit £500 million over three years to help to fight card fraud.

Banks and retailers are: working together to develop new technology to beat fraud

quarters of all card fraud is committed. Talks are going on with the fair trading office to allow card issuers to lower levels at which transactions have to be authorised by the issuer in eight of the most vulnerable retail sectors by and shops selling electronic equipment are among the worst hit, Mervyn Gibson, chairman of the Plastic Fraud Prevention Forum, said. The Royal Bank of Scotland and the TSB are experimenting photocards. However, some banks argue that these would put the onus on retailers to examine the photograph and many would not do so as they do not have to pay for fraud.

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The association is also look ing at the use of personal identification numbers (PINs) at the point of sale to identify customers. Biometric techniques, which involve comparing fingerprints, digital signatures and voice recognition, are being considered. However, any techniques which embarrass the customer or take too long in a crowded store are unlikely to be adopted. Mr Gibson said that the disadvantage with fingerprinting custom ers was that it could make them feel like criminals.

A file of more than three million wanted card numbers is being collated and card issuers are developing com-puter systems which will be able to detect unusual patterns of card use and stop the card before it is reported

Gunman to be Crown witness

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A CHINESE man who has nessman is to give evidence against his associates, a judge at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Wai Hen Cheung, aged 26, of Soho, central London, was arrested after carrying out instructions to cripple or maim a business rival. Cheung shot Ying Kit Lam, aged 34, a self-employed businessman, in the back and stomach. His victim has made a full recovery.

Yesterday, Cheung admitted two charges of conspiracy to assault, conspiracy to in-flict grievous bodily harm. conspiracy to blackmail, conspiracy to steal, arson and conspiracy to supply drugs between January 1990 and September 8, 1991.

Mr Justice Leonard accepted Cheung's plea of not guilty to conspiracy to murder. He told Cheung that he would be sentenced after the trial of the five men against whom he has agreed to give evidence.

Martin Heslop, for the prosecution, said that Cheung was willing to help the authorities. He would be a key witness in proceedings. Cheung is being kept at a secret location for his

Climber lowered 2,000ft to safety

AN INJURED climber was recovering in hospital last night after 24 members of the Lochaber mountain rescue team spent all the previous night on Ben Nevis strug-gling against appalling wea-ther to rescue him. The man had broken both legs when he fell 80ft onto a ledge.

The team carried out one of the longest "lowers" of its kind attempted in the UK when they linked a series of ropes to drop the injured man and his stretcher 2,000ft to safety. It was the second consecutive night the Lochaber team had spent on the

bation officer from Sheffield, had completed his ascent of Tower Ridge on Ben Nevis's north face on Monday after-noon and was about to move onto the Great Tower when he slipped, falling onto a narrow ledge. He was joined by a companion and the two roped themselves to the ledge to await help. It was the start of a 15-hour ordeal in driving

hail and winds. The alarm was finally raised more than four hours later and the rescuers set out, by about 11pm. A helicopter was forced to turn back because of the atrocious weather but, by midnight, the ream had reached Mr Bliss. its members then began the tricky operation to lower him and one of the rescuers to open ground where a helicopter could reach them.

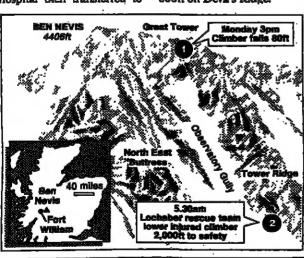
By the time Mr Bliss had been lowered to Observatory Gully it was 5.30am. He was flown by helicopter to Belford hospital then transferred to

Raigmore hospital, Inver-ness. Only 48 hours earlier the Lochaber men had been called to a gully on Ben Nevis where, with members of the RAF Leuchars rescue team, they saved Michael Thomas, a Gloucestershire doctor, who had broken a leg after falling

Donald Watt, aged 54, leader of the team, said: "All the team members went home on Tuesday morning very tired, shattered in fact, but elated and in high spirits having brought a fellow climber down to earth. On occasions we were up to our waists in mud as we made our way up the lower slopes. The same 24 would be prepared to turn out tonight again and do exactly the same thing."

Inspector Robbie Smart, police co-ordinator, - said: The lads deserve tremendous credit. Despite being out overnight on two occasions since the weekend they were back at work in their various jobs this morning," he said. "But there's no doubt this constant activity must be sapping their strength and they simply can't keep going night and day." This year four climbers

have died on Ben Nevis. In January a lecturer and student from Glasgow university died in a 1,000ft fall on Observatory Gulley, and a Black-burn pharmacist died in a 700ft fall down Comb Gulley. Last week a teacher from Worcester slipped and fell to her death 800ft down Coire Leis. A Belfast librarian remains critically ill after being transferred to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary after falling 800ft on Devil's Ridge.



Woman for Queen's Bench

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A NEW woman High Court judge joined the predomi-nantly male ranks at the Royal Courts of Justice yesterday, the first woman to be appointed to the Queen's Bench division.

The swearing in of Mrs Justice Ebsworth, previously a circuit judge and crown court recorder, brings to only four the number of women judges in the High Court and Court of Appeal of a total 111. The paucity of women judges in the senior judiciary is worse than a decade ago, when there were three women High Court judges out of 73 compared with three out of 84 now.

Dame Ann, aged 54, joins the Court of Appeal judge Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, and, in the High Court family division, Mrs Justice Booth and Mrs Justice Bracewell.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss is the only Court of Appeal judge out of 27; and the three High Court women judges, including Mrs Justice Ebsworth, take their places alongside 81 men. On the circuit bench, there are 22

to the Bar (Gray's Inn) in 1962. She lives in Cheshire. and gives her recreations in Who's Who as travel, medieval history and needlework. Her appointment, which is

not a replacement but an extra post, comes at a time when there is pressure from within the legal profession and outside for more women judges. The Lord Chancellor's department, which last year sought, without much success, to boost the numbers of women judges on the circuit bench said yesterday that one reason was the very



Ebsworth: fourth woman judge in High Court

poor rate of applications from women for the post of assistant recorder, the lowest iudicical rung. Only 8.5 per cent of applications are from women. The Lord Chancellor has made clear that he would like to see more women on the bench but he can only appoint them if they

Jonathan Caplan, QC. chairman of the Bar's public affairs committee, said he was "surprised and saddened" that there was such a low rate of application from women. "If the percentage is as low as that, we must strive to make every effort to make sure more women apply for part-time judicial posts."

Although Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, has expressed concern about the shortage of women judges, he opposes positive discrimination or "fast track" for women candidates. The new Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Taylor, who takes over in April, is also against special procedures for women, insisting that appointments must be on merit alone.

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eryone with a buon giorno.

He confirmed that he had sung in his bath, but could not remember what, although he had hummed "On yon bonnie banks of Loch Lomond" the previous day. No, he had not put on weight. "I do have weight problems, come, come. But I am on a diet. I have lost eight pounds. When you see me next I will have a red carnation otherwise you will not recognise me." He was asked why he had chosen such an expensive hotel, so much security, so many Mercedes Benz cars for his entourage, and made so

Pavarotti draws the line at haggis

LUCIANO Pavarotti, for all his 22-stone bulk, cut a mildly disappointing figure when he ambled across the soft carpets in the Loch Lomondside hotel where he is preparing for tonight's concert at the Scottish Exhibition and Confer-

ence Centre in Glasgow. Depending on the rumours that have surrounded his visit he was either in a "terrible state" through lack of sieep. had ballooned to 26 stone, lost his voice, was refusing to answer any questions, had spent the morning singing in his bath or had ordered an extra set of velvet curtains for his suite to keep out the un-seasonal Scottish sun.

Pavarotti, in fact, appeared rather more down to earth than his public relations people, despite the strip of sticky tape on the carpet which denoted the point beyond which members of the possibly diseased press should not pass for fear of passing on colds. He looked well, smiled and greeted evmany requests for his com-fort, including two golf carts at the exhibition centre.

"I need a beautiful hotel but it is not for me, it is for my voice," he said, as though the voice might still be lying on a chaise longue upstairs. "You must consider that my voice is the most important thing to me so I try to take care of it more than is possible."

Forget the voice and opera, had he been eating porridge or haggis? Il Maestro needed an explanation and then a translation of the explanation for a haggis. "I don't know what he describes," said Pavarotti, with some justifica-tion. "A stomach of a sheep that is filled?" Last night, he said, he would be eating a

casserole of beef.

He explained that he was unable to enjoy the scenery to the full because of "the voice" but, he added, Scotland was very much like Italy. It had beautiful food — haggis aside — wonderful scenery, charming people. A persistent ques-

tioner returned to the subject of the golf carts. "Maybe the dressing room is two kilo-metres from the stage," offered Pavarotti. He then was swept out to his Mercedes Benz fleet doubtless still wondering about the sheep's stomach. No one must leave before II Maestro, shrieked his guards. The hotel manager

denied that Pavarotti's room had been sealed for a month

before his arrival and co-

cooned in dust sheets to pro-

vide a dust-free environment. James LeFanu, page 12

Change for a tenor: Pavarotti announces his plans to lose weight

FOURTH OPEN LETTER FROM SHROPSHIRE ABOUT OUR RAIL SERVICES

Last week you read our letter to Mr. Rifkind about British Rail's plan to axe our Dear Reader InterCity Link in May. Our fight might seem remote to you.

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Survey shows shift to self-reliance

Britons reject nanny state

By ALISON ROBERTS

BRITONS are turning away from state provision and helping themselves, according to a survey on consumer spending published yesterday.

Over the past ten years, there has been a significant rise in the proportion of income spent on personal security. Expenditure on sickness and accident insurance has grown the most — by an average of 21 per cent a year since 1981, the market research company Mintel says.

Premiums paid into life insurance and pension schemes amounted to £10.1 billion in 1991, compared to £2. billion in 1981, and represent the second-largest growth area. We are also spending more on private medical treatment, NHS charges and private education than ever before.

Bill Patterson, a market analyst, said there had been a clear change in attitude towards personal provision and providing for children.

The perceptions that money can buy you a better health service and better education have developed over the decade to a point where it is considered sensible planning to make your own provision rather than rely on the state," Mr Patterson said. "Independence through self-reliance and financial stability is very much in vogue for those that

Over-the-counter healthcare products have also experienced a boom in sales. Spending on such goods has risen by 57 per cent since 1986, with the largest amount spent on painkillers and dietary supplements. Consumers have been sav-

ing more, to reduce debt and to provide for an uncertain The self-help of the self-help of

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future, according to the survey. In 1990, 4.9 per cent of income was saved; last year the figure was 6.4 per cent.

Providers of financial and ed to employment, the survey said. The self-employed accounted for 60 per cent of the 2.1 million jobs created in the past ten years.

providers of mancial and insurance services have experienced a huge rise in demand, and Mintel forecasts continuing growth in the market over the next five years, regardless of who wins the election. Mr Patterson said: "As more and more people opt out of the state systems, the funding and management of those that are left may need a radical rethink."

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1991 1981 significantly. Domestic and garden help is the fastest-growing sector of the house-hold services industry, up by almost 450 per cent in the past decade. The market is now worth £2.9 billion, and Mintel predicts that it will reach £5.5 billion by 1996.

The survey reports a long-

John Cunningham, Mintel

chief executive, said: "Many

people have metaphorically

got on their bikes and gone in for self-help. There has been a

sea change in the nature of

term rise in living standards measured in income and personal acquisition. Mr Cunningham said: "Although we are still suffering from the longest recession since the war, the longer-term increase in living standards is clear."

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Puppet regime: Anne Amoros assisting Le Senor Z, wild west hero of the shadow theatre, in his battle against the brutal reign of a bloodthirsty gang leader at Battersea, southwest London yesterday. Le Señor Z, based closely on Zorro of television fame, was fighting

production by the French shadow theatre company Amoros et Augustin, making their first appearance in the UK. The theatre is inspired by cinema, television and animation and, using largescale shadow projections thrown onto numerous screens, conjures up images of breathtaking rides on spirit-

ed horses and merciless gunfights. The company appears again today at the Battersea Arts Centre as part of Visionmix, a five-day festival celebrating the art of live puppetry, organised by the Puppet Centre with the support of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and the Arts Council

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ON THE surface, Barrow-in-Furness is faring well. Unemployment is not intolerably high and the cathedral-like structure that dominates the

Paying for the

peace dividend

ngh and the cathedral-like structure that dominates the skyline can expect at least two more Trident submarines included in the £3,500 million VSEL order book.

Peace may have prevailed but the country will still require the kind of weaponry that Barrow-in-Furness is skilled at producing. Today, as HMS Vanguard, the first

Trident submarine, emerges

from VSL's Devonshire dock

hall, looming over the town is
the knowledge that even with
an end to the recession the
number of jobs at VSEL is
likely to fall to about 7,000,
half the total of two years ago.
Nobody appears to question the company's figures
and a government study indicated that next year unemployment in the town could
tise to 25 per cent. Barrow is
over-reliant on one company,
one product and one custom-

er: VSEL, submarines and the ministry of defence.

Unless orders are won for surface ships or oil-related work, and the economy improves, the workforce could drop towards 5,000 — the point at which the yard ceases to be viable. With one in four of the town's workers directly employed by VSEL and a web of other smaller companies relying on the yard, the result would be devastating.

VSEL now employs 10,500. The next largest company in town employs about 700. The British Nuclear Fuels site at Sellafield, an hour's drive away, is laying off workers and elsewhere in west Cumbria the story is one of cuts and closure.

Steve Palmer, chief executive of Cumbria Training and The town that built the Trident submarine fears for its future in a world without the Cold War, reports Ronald Faux

Enterprise Council, says that by the end of the decade up to 19,000 jobs will have gone in Cumbria, a haemorrhage that is being staunched by training and retraining packages, and the setting up of small businesses.

"An enterprise zone for Barrow is needed before the skills are lost and people leave. Barrow has probably the deepest reservoir of highly skilled manufacturing labour in the UK and the peace dividend has made some of that labour available," he said.

Harry Knowles, chief executive of Furness Enterprise, a public-private sector initiative to attract investment, insists there is plenty of other local industry that can be developed. A succession of ministerial visits and the appointment of a department of trade action team suggested that the government was not innesser of impacting crisis.

unaware of impending crisis.

Bob McCulloch, chief executive of the borough council, welcomed a £15 million factory building programme but wondered how firms would be attracted to move into them. "We have lost 4,000 workers already but how can Barrow compete with the Sunderlands of this world when it is not an assisted area. Imagine the level of skill contained in a Trident submarine and the tragedy of that skill being lost to

Fugitive may be extradited

A BUSINESSMAN who fled from Britain nearly three years ago when facing charges over a £1.2 million fraud may be extradited after being arrested in The Netherlands (Stewart Tendler writes).

Jai Benie, aged 39, who left a record £780,000 bail forfeiture, was arrested in Haarlem and could be on trial in a British court before the end of the year following a Customs and Excise investigation. The Home Office and the Dutch authorities have agreed that Mr Benie, from Harwich, Essex, will serve his senience in a Dutch prison if convicted of theft and fraud.

He disappeared in October 1989 facing 18 offences of evading Common Agricultural Policy import levies on rice between February 1988 and July 1989. He was twice refused bail but eventually released on £725,000 bail of his own money and two sureties of £25,000 and £30,000. He was due to reappear in court in October 1989.

When he failed to reappear the E725,000 and a £25,000 strety were ordered to be forfeited. The second surety was surrendered later and the court ordered the money to be passed to Customs and Excise commissioners.

Nuclear Electric prosecuted

Government safety watchdogs are to prosecute Nuclear Electric for alleged breaches of licence conditions at Hinkley Point B station in

The Health and Safety Executive Nuclear Installations Inspectorate said yesterday that the company had breached conditions covering modifications and the provision of back-up generators to maintain essential supplies in a mains power failure.

The case is due to be heard in Bridgwater on April 29.

Boy rapist

A boy aged 16 who twice raped a girl of eight at her home in East Dulwich, south London, and infected her with a venereal disease was sentenced by the Central Criminal Court to be detained for three years.

Airport boost

Air Atlantic is to invest £1 million in a new runway at Caernaryon airport. Gwynedd, and is planning flights to Cardiff, Swansea and Liverpool.

Clocking on

A clock outside the Bull hotel, Bridport, Dorset, which stopped 50 years ago, has been restarted after a twig was found to be jamming the

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Rowbotham was fined £1,000 for reckless driving and £250 for drink-driving and was told to re-take the driving test after her ban.

Health and safety report

Doctors urge shift from car to the bicycle

CYCLING could transform neurotic, overweight Britons into healthy, well-balanced people doing their bit to save the planet, the British Medi-Association said

The association's report, Cycling: Towards Health and Safety, published as a book, describes the activity as an ideal form of exercise, causing less stress for the body than running and being more widely available than swimming. But it calls for radical changes in transport policy to improve road safety and encourage motorists to leave the car at home.

Dr Jeff Cundy, one of the report's authors, said that a cyclist aged 35 covering 60 miles a week stood a 20 per cent lower risk of suffering a heart attack than a non-cyclist. There was also evidence that riding a bicycle reduced the incidence and severity of

mental illness. The book says that cycling reduces blood pressure, im-proves cardio-vascular fitness, increases stamina and trims body fat. The greater use of bicycles would reduce air and noise pollution and largely solve the growing problem of traffic congestion. Even in the "current hostile

most 300 cyclists died in accidents during 1989 - the collective health and fitness benefits outweigh the loss of hie, the book says. The association makes several recommendations aimed at reducing deaths, particularly among teenagers, including lower speed limits in urban areas, a network of cycle lanes and a campaign to convince riders to wear helmets.

Dr Mark McCarthy, another of the report's authors, said: "If this society takes the safety and health of its people seriously, then there must be a co-ordinated approach to encouraging cycling from central and local government."

Colin Graham, planning officer of the Cyclists' Touring Club, said: "At last we have an authoritative report raising the profile of cycling. It will be difficult for the departments of health, environment and transport to ignore the benefits of promoting

Cycling: Towards Health and Safety (British Medical Associ-ation, Oxford University Press,

computer

virus

BY NICK NUTTALL . TECHNOLOGY.

CORRESPONDENT.

AN electronic virus dubbed the "digital paper shredder" and which is due to strike

computer systems this Fri-day can be combated by judi-

cious time-keeping, police

Friday the sixth of March.

the anniversary of the Italian

The virus enters computer systems from "infected" flop-

py discs. Not only is it particularly pernicious but it also appears to be widespread, with tens of thousands of

computers worldwide contaminated.

Barry Donovan, of the

computer crime unit at New Scotland Yard, said yester-

ution could be found in

moving a computer's clock a day forward to March 7,

thereby bypassing the virus's

trigger date.
The advice was endorsed

by Edward Wilding editor of the Virus Bulletin. "It is a

stopgap measure but it should work for 99 per cent of computer users." he said.

Some memory systems, called SMOS, are designed

to maintain features such as

the internal calendar and

clock when the power is

switched off. But moving the

clock a day forward might

not register on the memory on some systems, still leaving

Other ways of combating

the virus, which is believed to have originated in Australia, include "simply not using your PC on March 6 and

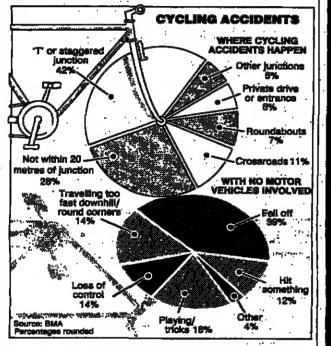
booting the machine from a clean disc", said Mr Wilding-

Safest of all, said Mr Dono-

van, is to acquire a software

the machine vulnerable.

artist's birthday.



Driver took | Time cures wrong side of M-way

BY TIM JONES

A WIDOW who drove for 20 miles at up to 60mph on the wrong side of a motorway while three times over the drink-drive limit was fined £1,250 and banned for three years yesterday.

Anne Rowbotham, aged and experts said yesterday.

The Michelangelo computer virus is programmed to detect and then trigger when a computer's clock clicks from Thursday the fifth to went on her drive down the M3, forcing oncoming cars to swerve past her, hours after her "beloved pet" dog had been put down, magistrates at Basingstoke, Hampshire, were told.

Drivers who had flashed their lights at her inundated a police traffic unit at Winchester with calls, Patsy Sudworth, for the prosecution, said. At one point, Rowbotham had encountered a police officer in a dog van who had had to brake hard.

Rowbotham, of Petersfield. Hampshire, was stopped when a policeman in a patrol car drew alongside her and forced her to pull over.

Police were alerted after Rowbotham, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, was seen to hit a parked car at Durrington, Wiltshire, at 12.30am on December 29 last year. Several motorists tried to stop her as she drove the wrong way on the A303 towards the M3, which she joined heading southbound

on its northbound side. A breath sample showed 112 microgrammes; the legal limit is 35. Rowbotham told police that she had panicked after hitting the car.

James Rankin, for Row-

botham, said that the car was her antidote to loneliness. Her husband had died ten years ago and her only com-panion, her dog, had been put down on the day of the incident. "She panicked, she simply didn't know what to do," he said. "Thank goodness the other people on the road were sensible."

scanning system, many of which can detect the Michelangelo virus. The familiar Friday 13th virus is due to strike again next week.



Pedalling back: Gordon Hawkins and Chris Boneu of W R Pashley Cycles test ride Moulton bicycles, which have returned to the production line after an absence of 20 years. Tim Pashley, of the Stratford-upon-Avon engineering company, which is making the new Moulton All-Purpose Bicycle under licence from the designer, Dr Alex Moulton, was

bicycles to go on show at the Cyclex exhibition at Olympia, west London (Robin Young writes).

The APB, lighter than the original and capable of being split in two for easier carrying will sell for about £500, onethird the amount that the cheapest Moulton now costs. Since Raleigh abandoned large-scale production of Moulyesterday supervising the assembly of tons in 1974, Dr Moulton, who created

his original designs as a spare-time occupation between inventing and refining suspension systems for the Mini car, has built some 3,000 bikes himself. They cost up to £2,900 each.

Dr Moulton said yesterday: "The new bike will have almost all the advantage of my most expensive designs. It will appeal to people who do not want the image a conventional push-bike gives."

Pub firm fined for short measures

BY DAVID YOUNG

A PUB crawl by trading standards officers, who found that 71 out of 75 pints served had heads that were too frothy, ended yesterday with a national pub chain being fined £2,000 with £800 costs.

Greenalis Management Ltd admitted selling two pints of Tetley's Bitter with "excessive heads" in a case brought before magistrates at Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

The court was told that one of the frothy beers was 12.5 per cent short of a full 20 fluid ounce pint measure. The other £1.16 pint sold at the Heathcote Inn last June was 9.5 per cent short.

It is believed to be the first time that a company operat-ing a pub chain, rather than a manager or bar staff, has been prosecuted for serving a short-measure pint.

Margaret Whitehead, for the prosecution, said that a company information sheer told bar staff that a pint must have a collar of no more than five millimetres. That sheet was not on display in the pub due to an oversight.
Mrs Whitehead said: "In

this case, the heads measured 2.3cm and 1.5cm respectively. In money terms, that rep-

resents a loss to the customer of 14.5p and 11p."

The company could have avoided short-measures by introducing "over-size" glasses to accommodate the beer and a frothy top, she said.

"The deficiencies were excessive and unreasonable and not acceptable to customers." Mrs Whitehead said. "The customer was not served with what he ordered and paid for - a pint. Nationally, shortmeasuring is a problem that runs into millions and mil-

lions of pounds a year." Malcolm Parkes, defence counsel, said that it was not the company's policy to shortmeasure customers. He said: "Greenalls are the first to accept that the customer has a right to a pint of liquid. The level of training imposed is high." Managers had to serve as relief managers for up to a year and obtain the relevant professional qualification.

Later, Robert Faulkner, the official who bought the beer, said that the case "should spell the end of the Corona-

tion Street-style pint". The government has said it is to activate legislation making it an offence to include the head in a pint measure.

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Kinnock challenged on health spending

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister yesterday questioned the sincerity of Neil Kinnock's approach to the health service by challenging him to state how much Labour would spend on health and where it came on its list of priorities.

With only a handful of question time confrontations available before the calling of the general election, the Labour leader was again trying to preempt the Budget by highlighting the choice between tax cuts and extra spending on public services.

The government was interested in bribing, Mr Kinnock said, while the people wanted to build. With recent polls suggesting that health is rising as an electoral priority, he turned his attack on the health reforms, asserting that a system that put cost before care "betrays the fundamental principle of the NHS." The prime minister accused Mr Kinnock of "bogus

With MPs now certain that the election will be announced next week, Commons exchanges have become increasingly noisy

and feverish. Business managers on both sides are braced for frenzied parliamentary scenes as the government tries to push through the remainder of its legislation in the dying days of the parliament before the expected dissolution on Monday

Yesterday's question-time row gave a glimpse of the trench warfare to come. Mr Kinnock had quoted a London cardiologist as saying that patients were going without treatment for financial reasons, and added: "Such a system which puts cash before care betrays the fundamental principle of the

Amid uproar Mr Major responded there was no system that put cash before care. He said the government had provided more additional resources in this parliament than Mr Kinnock was prepared to promise in the last election manifests.

election manifesto.

Mr Kinnock said that the surgeon had a very powerful point when he said the new

system "is run by accountants who don't have to sit across the table and say to patients: I cannot treat you until the new financial year.

"It is tragically wrong for treatment for seriously ill people to be determined by money rather than medical

Mr Major said: "The view you attribute to that surgeon is certainly not shared by others — by Nye Bevan's nephew, as you know ... The resources are at a record level and the new system is making sure the resources work better for patients. There is no other way to improve health care and there is no doubt that the new system, across a range of treatments, is improving health care."

Mr Kinnock said Mr Major was going to borrow to fund tax cuts when the British people's priority was to use available resources for health and other essential services. Tom Clarke, Labour MP for Monklands West, claimed there was an acute shortage

of intensive care beds for

children and demanded ac-

the money to provide emergency treatment". Mr Major said that for next year the government was providing an extra £2.7 billion for the NHS.
Earlier John Townend (Bridlington, C) claimed Labour would put up both in-

come tax and interest rates.

Mr Major said an average of forecasts by ten independent City analysts showed that

interest rates would rise by

children be turned away from hospitals, which don't have the moriey to provide emergency treatment". Mr Major government". In a rowdy session before

Message to the people: Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, has tea

the Commons employment committee, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, was accused of causing public cynicism by alleging "good news" about the economic prospects when the opposite was true.

Mr Howard admitted that unemployment had risen 38 per cent, from 1.891,600 to

with workmen at Covent Garden, London, after launching an election poster again would "desperately sick 2 per cent immediately "if 23,604,100, over the past 12 children be turned away from there were to be such a months.

Ronald Leighton, the chairman, criticised Mr Howard for delivering an upbeat message to the committee last November about the end of the recession, a fall in unemployment, a rise in retail and car sales. Mr Howard insisted that every answer he gave was "scrupulously accurate". He defended the decision to join the exchange rate mechanism as offering the great prize of low inflation.

Poll reveals that 40% feel worse off in recession

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FORTY two per cent of people claim their financial situation has got worse in the past five years, and only 28 per cent say it has got better, according to an NOP poll

The poll of 869 adults, commissioned by Labour and carried out between February 20 and 23, showed that 75 per cent of people think the economy has got worse and 67 per cent think the general state of Britain has deteriorated in the same period.

Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, said that 68 per cent of those polled thought the health service had got worse and 67 per cent thought education services had suffered under the Conservatives. Dr Cunningham, in buoyant mood after the last three opinion polls which put Labour ahead, insisted the party was in a better position, with a 1 to 4 per cent lead, than in a similar period before the 1964 election when Harold Wilson came to power and Labour was two oints ahead in polls.

"We have never pretended that it would be easy to overturn a huge Tory majority", Dr Cunningham said. He and other shadow ministers put forward their predictions in the "unbelievable" event that the Tories won the

Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokesman, said that on present trends more than ten million people would be paying privately for their health care by 1997, leading to "a well-established two-tier health care system". Governme

Michael Meacher, the shadow social security secretary, said the basic state pension would be "left as a means-tested rump, a badge of inadequacy and stigma". John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said that on the government's timetable, the Channel tunnel rail link would not operate until 2005 - 12 years after the tunnel opens. He suggested that the government should work with the Opposition on an agreed consensus, using the eastern route via Stratford and King's Cross, to bring the date forward.

In the NOP poll, 42 per cent said their own financial situation had got worse in the past five years, 28 per cent better, 28 per cent neither and 2 per cent did not know. When people were asked to assess their situation over the past: 13 years of Conservative government, 40 per cent said they were worse off and 28 per cent better off. On the economy in general, 75 per cent said the position had got worse over the past five years, and 8 per cent said it had got better, compared with 65 per cent and 16 per cent respectively under three Conserva-

Labour chooses capital strategy

By OUR POLITICAL STAFF

LABOUR is to focus on London as one of the key areas in its election campaign as polls show that it and the Conservatives are now neck and neck in the capital.

and neck in the capital.

A regional breakdown of Gallup 9000, taken in January, shows that the Tories have only a 0.2 per cent lead over Labour, according to Labour sources. This represents a 7.05 per cent swing since the 1987 election, when they had a 14.3 per cent lead.

Labour has set itself the parcet of achieving the extra

Labour has set itself the target of achieving the extra 1 per cent swing needed to pick up the 25 London seats it needs for victory. London has more marginal seats than any other region with 21 Tory seats vulnerable to Labour. It should also pick up the two SDP seats. Four Labour seats are vulnerable to the Tories. The Conservatives also risk losing two seats to the Liberal Democrats, who might also gain a seat from Labour.

gain a seat from Labour.

A private analysis of Gallup figures by Central Office, confirms that Tory MPs are very vulnerable in seats where Labour came second in 1987. The analysis shows that the Tories are only 2.6 per cent ahead in these seats.

Party officials attribute the "massive" swing towards Labour to rising unemployment in the city. Campaigning will focus on this as well as crime and public transport, two areas which particularly concern Londoners.

concern Londoners.

The party will also hold weekly poster campaigns—kicking off yesterday with crime—which will be linked specifically to London. It will also put a London spin on any national stories of the day. The poll appears to provide further evidence that the London effect—where Labour has been dragged down by the behaviour of "loony left" councils—is on the

The party's London campaign will be spearheaded by Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, who was in charge of the national campaign at the last election.



Contract is awarded for toll road

The contract to build the first privately financed toll road — the Birmingham northern relief road — has been awarded to Midland Expressway Ltd, a subsidiary of Trafalgar House and Iritecna of Italy.

Christopher Chope, the roads and traffic minister, said in the Commons that the road should be opened in the late 1990s. The road, which will cost about £270 million, will bring relief to the M6 and to local traffic in the A5/A38 corridor.

Staff to move

Staff at the Scottish Office in Edinburgh are to get new offices in summer 1994. Ian Lang, the secretary of state, announced in a written reply. The new building, at Leith, will accommodate about 1,400 staff from St Andrew's House and other offices in Edinburgh.

Flying reserve The defence department

The defence department is considering whether a small number of test aircrew from industry in the RAF volunteer reserve should be used as frontline reserves for fast jet aircraft, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, said at question time.

Welsh hopes
John MacGregor, the
Leader of the House, hopes
that the Welsh grand
committee will be able to
hold a meeting in Cardiff, he said in a written

Parliament today
Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
Timetable motion on and
consideration of Lords
amendments to the Local
Government Finance

Bill. Lords (2.30): Debate on

Childcare help pledged

By JILL SHERMAN

THE Liberal Democrats yesterday pledged to introduce tax-free childcare vouchers and a guaranteed pre-school place for all three and four-year-olds. The multi-million pound package, which could take five years to implement, would be funded through the 1p income tax increase which the party has proposed to finance its education programme.

Launching the party's fivepoint plan for childcare Ray Michie, the Liberal Democrat women's spokesman, called for a co-ordinated approach, involving the government, local authorities and school education a week for each child, either in nurseries or playgroups. The Liberal Democrats would provide £525 million in a first year to begin implementing the policy and a further £700 million in 1993-4.

The government would provide vouchers to employers, who would then issue

parents. Local education au-

thorities would have a statutory obligation to ensure at

least five half days of pre-

provide vouchers to employers, who would then issue them to workers as part of their salary. Vouchers would be restricted to the basic rate of tax with a ceiling of childcare costs of £75 a week.

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KENNETH Clarke last night

accused the Opposition of

whipping up unnecessary

fears about the future of

adult education. The educa-

tion secretary, defending the rnment's record, said

that the numbers in further

education colleges alone had

increased by 50 per cent and

The Further and Higher acation Bill, which MPs debating, was expressly ned to expand adult on opportunities furreen an increase of

Government redraws the map of Wales

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

Brecknock and Radnorshire

in central Wales. There was strong local feeling in favour

of having two counties, al-though his existing plan pro-

In south Wales there will be

further consultation about

the future of the Lliw Valley,

provisionally allocated to the

new Carmarthenshire and

the boundaries between the councils in the Valleys and

the Vale of Glamorgan.

After Mr Hunt's announce

ment in the Commons, Barry

Jones, the shadow Welsh sec

retary, accused the govern-

ment of timing the statement "to throw dust in the eyes of

the people of Wales and pre-

vent them from seeing the real issues". He said the plan

would divide district councils

from county councils and would add further expense to

"the ruinously expensive fail-ure by the Conservatives" fol-lowing the last local

government reorganisation

in Wales in 1973-4;

Radnor council.

WALES will be governed by which people can identify and 23 new unitary local authorities if the Conservatives win the general election. David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, said yesterday.

The eight existing county councils in the principality will all be abolished and the 37 district councils will be merged to form the new allpurpose councils.

The move will restore traditional county names such as Pembrokshire, Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire to the map, while main cities such as Cardiff and Swansea will regain the control of their own affairs that they lost in the 1974 reorganisation.

Wales is the first part of mainland Britain to have firm plans for the reorg-anisation of local government promised by the government last year. Mr Hunt said that he had been pleased by the degree of consensus about his plans, which would be imple-mented by 1995.

Senior Whitehall sources said the Welsh scheme offered pointers to the likely outcome of reorganisation in England which is due to be overseen by a new commis-sion headed by Sir John Banham, the director general of the CBI. The sources said that the pattern of existing county councils giving way to new unitary authorities with traditional county names was likely to be repeated in the rest of England.

The Welsh plan has been drawn up by Mr Hunt after eight months of consultation with local authorities and community groups in Wales. He said yesterday that the response to his plans had been "constructive and positive", and that he had become convinced of the need to move quickly to a system of unitary local government with a single tier of councils performing all functions in place of the existing two-tier system of

counties and districts.
"We must establish a local

which is capable of delivering the high-quality services people need." Mr Hunt said. The structure which I have outlined will serve Wales well

into the next century."

The plan was welcomed by the Council of Welsh Districts, which had itself proposed the creation of 27 unitary authorities based on district boundaries. Dai council, said: "We have been pressing for a unitary struc-ture which will bring local government closer to the people it represents and Mr Hunt has accepted most of our case. He said that a system based on district councils would save £14 million a

year for the taxpayer.

The Assembly of Weish Counties condemned the plan, saying that it would add £50 a head to poll tax bills, and criticising the government for ignoring the strengths of existing counties. One senior county councillor described Mr Hunt's plan as "a quick fix designed to save a handful of Tory marginals by bringing back Pembrokshire and a few other historic shires."

Mr Hunt said that detailed work by his officials and the Audit Commission suggested that the new structure would cost no more than the existing system. "We have not set out to make cost savings but equally we do not think it will

cost any more," he said. The Welsh secretary said there would be a staff com-mission to oversee the redeployment of employees from existing councils to the new authorities and a residuary body to handle the disposal of unwanted assets from coun-

cils abolished by the changes.
Although Mr Hunt said the plan represented his "fi-nal thoughts", some details have yet to be decided. He is seeking consultation on the future of the southern part of "We must establish a local Glyndwr district in north government structure with Wales and the future of

CUTTING THE COUNCILS OF WALES

Clarke defends record

on adult education

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

27 per cent in the enrolment of adults.

the shocking record of the last Labour government,

when spending went down in

real terms. Under this gov-

ernment, for ten years, fur

ther and adult education of

all kinds have been expanded and the purpose of the bill is

The debate was on a Lab-

our clause, moved by Derek Fatchett, to provide for an annual report on adult education to be made by the

ducation secretary.

Mr Fatchett said the was also to ensure

that adult education provi-

sion was secure. They were looking for a way to limit the damage to adult education

caused by the Conservatives. Local authorities had no statutory responsibility for

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urity. The bill was being de-bated against a "backcloth of

anxiety" and he challenged the government to adopt the new clause, which would en-

sure that annual reports on

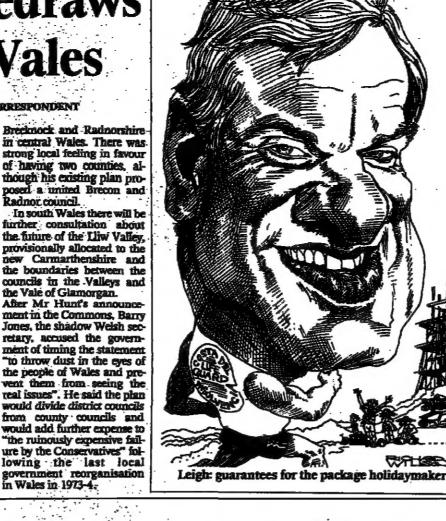
the provision of adult educa-

tion were submitted to

Parliament.

to expand on that."

We do not want to repeat



Moves to protect tourists

BY ROGER WOOD PARLIAMENTARY EDITOR

FINANCIAL safeguards for package holidaymakers are being proposed by the govists are not stranded abroad if their tour operators go

Under the proposals announced yesterday by Edward Leigh, the consumer affairs minister, tour opera-tors would be compelled to provide financial guarantees for repatriation and also to refund any prepayments in the event of insolvency.

Mr Leigh was responding to an EC directive on pack-age travel which member states are required to implement by the end of the year. He announced in a written answer that the government had changed its mind after industry about an earlier proposal to establish a licens-

ng authority.

The Association of British Travel Agents said yesterday that it welcomed the propos-als and was looking forward to taking part in detailed

Major refuses to set Trident limits

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JOHN WINDER

THE Trident missile system could carry fewer than 512 warheads, but it would be irresponsible for the government to commit itself in advance to a lower figure, the prime minister has said.

Labour seized on his statement, in a letter to Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, to accuse the government of continuing confusion in its policy towards Trident.

Last month Tom King, the defence secretary, acknowledged the possibility that the Trident system could even carry fewer than the total of 192 missiles on Polaris, which it is replacing. But his deputy Alan Clark, the defence procurement minister, suggested that this limit would mean "uncertainties."

In response to Mr Kauf-man's claim that the policy was a shambles, Mr Major said the government had al-ways said that each Trident would carry no more than 128 warheads. That, he said, was a maximum, not a rigid specification.

"It is entirely consistent with this to say that the exact number of warheads required to ensure minimum deter-

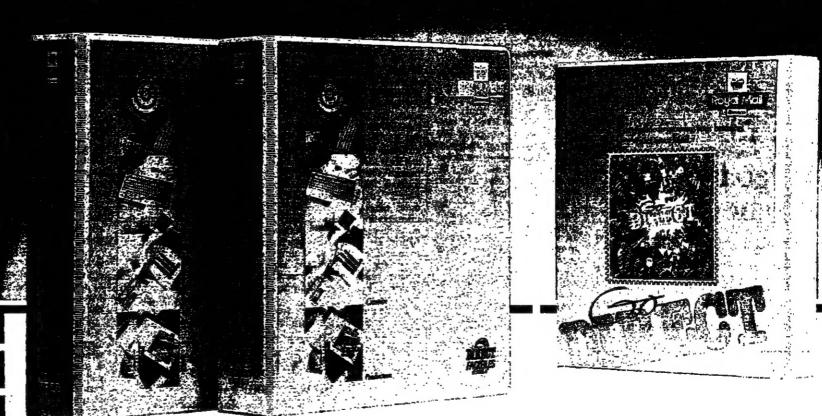
rence could be fewer than 128 per boat, he said. "The Trident system will give us the flexibility to tailor the size of our nuclear deterrent to the conditions facing us in the decades ahead. What would be irresponsible would be to decide in advance to limit ourselves to a lower figure."

Mr King told the Commons yesterday that there was no military support for the suggestion that Britain could maintain a submarine patrol with two Trident boats. Labour would have a "rough time" if it held to its view that the system should have only three boats rather than the four proposed by the

No senior officers believed that one could maintain a deterrent with fewer than four submarines. Mr King said. No senior naval officer would support the Labour candidate for Barrow who had suggested that the fourth Trident, about to be built, should be turned into a 17tonne sub-sea support vessel. He said later that the cost of the Trident programme would be nearer 2.5 per cent than 3 per cent of the total

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Bosnia leader warns Serbs to respect vote verdict

FROM TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO

ALUA Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president, yesterday threatened to call out hundreds of thousands of people onto the streets of Sarajevo if Serb militants ever attempted to blockade its streets again. Mr Izetbegovic was speak-ing hours after barricades

manned by Serbian gunmen had been dismantled and life in the Bosnian capital began to return to normal. The president said an agreement signed between the Bosnian presidency and Serb repre-sentatives on Monday had given no significant concessions to the Serbs. He also said that the events of the past few days, which cost at least four lives, had been carefully planned to delay international recognition of an indepen-

Mr Izetbegovic's words drew an angry response from Biljana Plavsic, a senior Serb leader. She said that if there was no agreement on Bos-nia's future within the next few months the republic could be partitioned by Croaria and Serbia and that a small Muslim buffer state would be left in the middle.

Over the weekend Bosnians voted in a referendum on independence which, according to the latest figures, was approved by almost 63% of the electorate. While Mus-lims and Croats, who together make up two thirds of the population, voted overwhelmingly in favour, most Serbs heeded their leaders' call to boycott the poll. Last November Serbs voted in their own referendum to stay in

Yugoslavia. Bosnia, which was under Turkish rule for almost 500

years, has never been an independent state, but it has often been a source of turbulence in European history, most notably in 1914 when a Bosnian Serb nationalist assassinated the Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand, providing the spark for the first world war. The assassination took place half a mile from the spot where on Saturday a Serb was gunned down at his son's wedding, provoking the latest Mr Izetbegovic's accusations that the barricades had

been planned was denounced. by Mrs Plavsic who claimed they had been thrown up spontaneously. She said that any suggestion to the con-trary, including the idea that the shooting which gave rise to them had also been staged was: "a monstrous idea".

She also said claimed that Serbs had only taken down their barricades because they had achieved their aims. Foremost among these was a pledge that Bosnia's referendum would not affect the outcome of European Community-sponsored talks on the future of the republic.

Despite Mrs Playsic's insistence that the barricades had not been planned, gunmen on the barricades were com-municating by walkie-talkie and they openly said that they were acting on orders from Serb leaders. And while both Mr Izetbegovic and Mrs Plavsic both said yesterday that they thought Bosnians could resolve their differences peacefully there is no sign that any real compromise is in the air.

Roger Boyes, page 12



UK video firm has Gorbachev taped

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MIKHAIL Gorbachev has television and video rights to his life story to a British independent production company est-known for making pop

Proceeds from the four-part television series, which has yet to be sold to any broadcaster, will be put towards the former Soviet president's new Moscow-based foundation, launched yesterday. Mr Gorbachev will receive slightly less than 25 per cent of the profits from the deal, which also covers worldwide video, radio, book publication and newspaper serialisation

Filming of the \$4 million documentary, in which the former Soviet president will talk candidly about his political views, experiences and personal triumphs and traumas, starts in July when cameras will catch Mr Gorbachev during his holiday by the Black Sea.

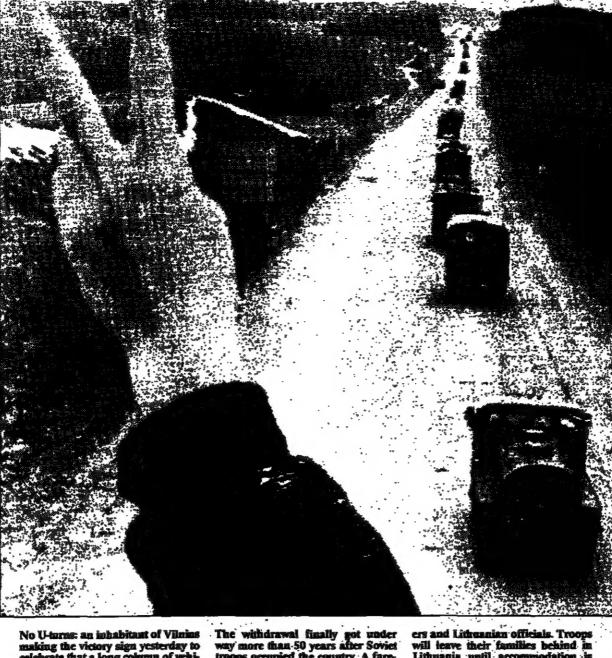
But Directors International, who announced the deal vesterday, will not be able to start filming until they have pre-sold the series to a broadcaster, John Cairns, the executive producer admitted yesterday. Negotiations were proceeding with the BBC, ITV, American networks and Italian media magnate Silvio Berlusconi.

"Gorbachev has agreed to speak on everything ... per-sonal and political," said Mr Cairns, who won the rights after almost 18 months of negotiations. Mr Cairns said he first made contact with Mr Gorbachev by arranging to get Muhammad Ali, the subject of another documentary being made by his company. to present the former Soviet leader with the Martin Luther King peace award in Washington 18 months ago. "Subsequently, his advisors visted our production facility in New York and were impressed by our sophisticated computerised editing techniques," Mr Cairns added. Mr Cairns insisted that although Mr Gorbachev was "a partner" in the project, Directors International would retain creative control. He said Mr Gorbachev would not be interviewed as a 'has-been" politician. "In my view he is still a politician and will have influence over events in the former Soviet Union," he said.

The series will include extensive interviews with Mr Gorbachev, tracing his development from childhood in a farming community during the Stalin era, his political rise and fall. The filmmakers will be granted unprecedented access to extensive archive material as well as Mr Gorbachev's personal files.

Due to be shown in 1993. the series will also include interviews with world leaders, Gorbachev's wife Raisa and other members of his family.

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making the victory sign yesterday to celebrate that a long column of vehicles carrying troops of the former Soviet Union was driving out of the Lithuanian capital towards Russia. troops occupied the country. A fare-well ceremony, held under fluttering Russian flags at the Mitskunai air base, was attended by military lead-

provided for them. "I hope that I will see my wife again soon," one officer-

Moldavia troops in new clash

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN DUBOSSARY

AT LEAST two people were killed and ten injured yesterday in a day of fierce fighting ween Moldavian troops and separatist fighters; in-cluding Russian Cossacks in the self-proclaimed Dnestr mini-republic.

Forces from the Moldavian interior ministry and national guard attacked a barracks held by troops of the Commonwealth of Independent States and seized thousands of rounds of ammunition and several dozen automatic weapons.

By yesterday afternoon the lighting had spread to roads around the town of Dubossary. Moldavian Omon troops also positioned them-selves on bridges across the river Dnesta Russian and Ukrainian separatists tried to build blockades around the town square and to move the few armoured personnel carriers in their possession into a position to repel a Moldavian attack.

Dnestr leaders, who declared independence from the Moldavian republic last year before the disintegration of the Soviet Union, said that an "invasion" by Moldavian troops was inevitable. The Moldavians say the nationalists of Dnestr are bandits.

The gun battles began in the early hours of yesterday around the barracks in a suburb of Dubossary after a Moldavian national guardsman tried to disarm soldiers at the barracks, which house a com-monwealth civil defence unit. At least 20 soldiers of the 120 there decided to resist, supported by local Russian and Ukrainian paramilitary organisations and Cossack units.

Italian parties challenged by flamboyant outsiders

BELEAGUERED traditional parties in Italy face their biggest challenge in decades tomorrow as the country's election campaign opens officially, contested by a constellation of flamboyant antiestablishment candidates.

in all, 116 different party symbols championed by appear on ballot papers dur-Democrats, Socialists and the (former Communists) Democratic Party of the Left are most vulnerable to setbacks in the north. The Lega Nord umbrella group is campaigning for a radical devolution of power to a provocatively named "Republic of the North" that would collect most taxes, introduce antiimmigration measures similar to those proposed by Jean-Marie Le Pen, the French National Front leader, and allow the richer regions to decide much of their own policy on European Commu-

Political experts believe the Lega Nord and the parallel Italy's elections will be contested by 116 parties and 11,000 candidates, writes

John Phillips from Rome

Lega Centro and Lega Sud are unlikely to obtain the tarnational vote set by the charismatic league leader. Sena-tor Umberto Bossi. However, observers predict the leagues could win up to 50 of the 630 seats in the Chamber of Deputies. In Lombardy the Lega Lombarda is expected to be neck and neck with the Christian Democrats, mustering between 20 and 30 per cent. The league effect means the Christian Democrats are unlikely to match their national score of 34 per cent at the last election in 1987.

Voters in central Italy and the southern Mezzogiorno are less concerned about the impact of Rome government bureaucracy on the economy

Gardens to go green

THE Tuileries Gardens in Paris, so long neglected that they have become little more than a dustbowl flanked by sick trees, are undergoing a 250-million franc (£25.5 million) facelift to restore their historical glory.

Jack Lang, the French culture minister, announced the project yesterday, promising a return to the splendour that the gardens enjoyed in the days of of Louis XIV in the 17th century. Three leading landscape architects are working with I.M. Pei, the man in charge of renovating the nearby Louvre museum. The project is due for completion in 1995.

"We shall be leaving the main avenues, ponds and ter-races as they were originally intended, while adding new touches to liven up the back of the gardens [near the Lou-

vrel. M Lang said. The Tuileries Gardens, stretching from the Louvre to the Place de la Concorde, are one of the most popular tourist sights in Paris but also one of the sorriest. The chestnur and lime trees are dying, and

after the advent of a single after the advent of a single European market. But the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement spearheaded by Alessandra Mussolini, the granddaughter of *Il Duce*, who is running in Naples, and the anti-maña Rete Inc. work) led by Leoluca Orlan-

do, the former mayor of Palermo, have high hopes of delivering a bastonata (clobby members of the outgoing

coalition. Signora Mussolini hopes that her aunt, Sophia Loren, will attend some of her campaign railies. The 28-year-old medical student talks with passion of reforming the crumbling Naples health service. Her serious tone is a far cry from when she posed scantily clad for the Italian edition of Playboy while pur-

suing a career as an actress.

In Rome the Party of Love is busily collecting funds by charging the equivalent of £5 to see its leading candidate. Moana Pozzi, remove her The biggest losers national-

ly almost certainly will be the Democratic Party of the Left: which is expected to manage a maximum of 15 per cent compared with the 26 per cent it won in 1987 before it changed its name. It has never recovered from the death of. its leader, Enrico Berlinguer. The hard-line splinter party, Rifondazione Comunista

won its battle to use the hammer and sickle in its ballot paper symbol. The Demo-cratic Party of the Left has chosen an oak as its main symbol with a smaller inset hammer and sickle.

Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader, is the favourite to be the next prime minister if his party's 1987 showing of 14 per cent is not eroded too

Azeris prepare to attack as last troops leave

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN AGDAM

s Azeris chant songs of A mourning that are also calls for revenge for the massacre of their relatives. Azeri reinforcements are moving into the Town of Agdam. They seem to be intended to take part in an offensive into Nagorno-Karabakh as soon as the military withdrawal from the region by the former Soviet Union is completed.

In the past three days, Western journalists here have seen four heavily armed units of Azeri troops move through Agdam, in-cluding two battle tanks and at least 20 light tanks and armoured personnel carriers. Over their heads yesterday, moving in the opposite direction, was a stream of military helicopters from the Commonwealth of Independent States helping to evacuate the 366th Motorised Infantry Regiment stationed in

A second commonwealth motorised infantry unit. sent on Sunday from the main commonwealth military base Ganja, is encamped near Agdam. It is apparently intended to help to escort the Stepanakert garrison through an Azeri population that is con-vinced that the troops helped in the Armenian capture of Hodjali a week ago and the subsequent

Tension between the com-monwealth forces and the Azeri authorities is high. At the police commander's office, which also serves as the Azeri military headquarters here, I saw a confrontation yesterday between Colonel Rashid Mahmedov, the police commander, and a commonwealth captain. Colonel Mahmedov refused to let the captain's armed escort enter the building with him, and at one point velled that his men would open fire if they did so.

When I first came to Agdam, almost a month ago, there was little

sign that it lay on the edge of a steadily worsening con-flict. Now Armenian bombardments have destroyed houses and pockmarked the streets, and the town is full of men carrying rocket-propelled grenade launchers and machine guns.

Nevertheless, it is by no means clear that the Azeris are ready to launch an of-fensive. Their forces are divided into many groups split along political lines and recognising different commanders. The armed police who still make up an important part of the forces are under the authority of President Mutalibov and, theoretically at least, are the national army "battalions"
— a "battalion" being a unit that is supposed to consist of 500 men but in fact rarely

The many armed volunteers, however, drawn from the popular front or even more radical nationalist parties, are bitterly hos-tile to President Mutalibov. They blame him for his communist past, for his supposed role in the bloody Soviet military intervention in Baku in January 1990. his failure to take "decisive action" in Nagorno-Karabakh, and supposed general subservience to the Moscow

authorities. Senior Lieutenant Shahin Tagiev, commander of a battalion" drawn from the radical National Salvation party, said yesterday that the Azeri people will kill Mutalibov for what he has done". He added, however, that he recognised the authority of General Dadash Rzayev, the government-ap-pointed local commander.

Yesterday, Armenia ac-cused Azerbaijan of shooting down an Mi26 military helicopter carrying mainly women and children near Kelbadzhar. There was no information about any

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UK urges Russia to aid enclave

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN is urging Russia to play a more active role in trying to halt the fighting in the Nagorno-Karabakh en-clave, and believes that other nations should lend support to Russian efforts instead of trying to mount peace missions of their own.

Douglas Hogg, the junior minister at the Foreign Office, is going next week to Moscow, Baku and Yerevan for talks on the conflict. Britain believes the Russians, with commonwealth forces in the area; have by far the be supported by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), which sent a fact-finding mission that reported to a meeting in Prague last week.

Britain views as counterproductive overlapping efforts by Iran and Turkey to mediate. "It's a mess," one official said. "There are too many people all trying to promote peace proposals." He said the CSCE mission drew up a sensible report calling for a ceasefire, an exchange of prisoners, and guarantees of minority rights.

Hungary lays to rest past sins

Budapest: Hungary's consti-tutional court laid to rest the country's communist past by striking down a controversial new law which would have allowed prosecution and trials for "crimes committed in the name of communism" (Ernest Beck writes).

In a landmark judicial ruling that could have repercussions for other east European countries considering legal action against alleged collaborators, the court said that "both legal and human rights" would be violated if laws are made today to pun-ish people for crimes carried out decades ago under a different legal system. "It is the former system, and not individuals, which is guilty," the chief judge noted.

Honecker move Moscow: The former East

German communist leader. Erich Honecker left hospital in Moscow after undergoing medical examinations and apparently returned to the Chilean embassy where he has been given refuge since December. (Reuter)

Prague accord Geneva: Czechoslovakia and

the seven nations of the European Free Trade Association initialled a free trade agreement intended to help integrate the former communist country into the Western economy. (Reuter)

Express crash

Moscow: The Riga-Moscow express and a freight train collided and caught fire west of Moscow, killing at least 11 people, officials said. Fifteen people were hurt and taken to hospital, six of them in serious condition. (Reuter)

Phone ruling

Madrid: In the first test case of its kind in Spain, a judge has ruled that it was an illegal invasion of privacy for a journalist to publish details of a two-way car telephone conversations he had picked up on a radio.

Sex sentence

Augoulème: The owner of a-French transport company was sentenced to three months in jail and fined 50,000 francs (£5,000) for sexually harassing one of his female employees. (AP)

Becker love match inflames Nazi desire for master race

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

BARBARA Feltus-Ferbst is a young television actress who stirs strong and very different emotions in two young Germans. One is Boris Becker, the national tennis idol. The other is Ewald Althans, a public relations adviser, who is the hope of the German far-right.

"Babsi" is black, the daughter of a coloured former GI and his German wife. She has been the threetimes Wimbledon champion's girl friend since the end of last year. Because of her Herr Becker has become the subject of personal abuse by racists, who have shouted "Go back to the bush, you black witch" at the couple. This experience is a key reason why he refused to sponsor Berlin's attempt to bost the Olympics in 2000.

"There are lots of neo-Nazi groups now in Germany." he told The Mail on Sunday. "If we were to win lots of medals at our own Olympics some people would not take it correctly. They might start talking about the master race again and that's dangerous."

Herr Althans, aged 25, has no doubts about German pre-eminence and the inferiority of any foreigners. He whips up feeling against them using ranting oratory to rouse a skinhead andience. He became a devotee of Hitler at the age of 13. At 17 he moved in with radi-cals, who sent him once a week for lessons in rhetoric and philosophy with Willi Krämer, a department head under Josef Goebbels.

last year of Michael Kühnen, the most prominent of the new generation of neo-Nazi's, the far-right has been searching for an inspiring figurehead. Increasingly extremists are looking to Herr Althans. A businessman, he works

from high-class offices in an area preferred by lawyers and accountants, handing out business cards for his company, Althans Distribu-tion and Publicity, making calls on his portable tele-phone and handling enquiries in German, French or English. A photograph of Hitler adorns the wall of his office. In the cellar are stacks of Nazi literature. He sells volumes of paintings by Krämer, a department head inder Josef Goebbels.
Since the death from Aids tols the Third Reich. Sales

are his main income and he claims his annual budget is 600,000 marks. He whips up supporters at rallies using techniques learnt from Herr Kramer. With enough beers inside

them, he hopes his audience will be inspired to go on the rampage. "If the boys didn't kick up a row, nobody would bother listening to me." he said in a recent interview. To build up his power base he trains Stathalter (governors) to run rightwing activities in different towns. He likes to be called the "German Sacharov" and takes pride in the fact that

he is universally disliked. Herr Althans does not get involved in any violence himself. He leaves that to others but, he admitted: "I am dangerous. I know that."



Focus of the far-right's attention: Becker's girl friend. Barbara Feltus Ferbst

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President seeks to woo conservatives as primary pace hots up

Bush admits breaking tax pledge was worst error

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN ATLANTA

last-minute bid for conservative votes yesterday by confessing that the breach of his "read my lips: no new taxes" pledge was the worst mistake of his presidency.

As voters delivered their verdict on the biggest elec-tion day of the 1992 campaign so far, Mr Bush said that the 1990 tax increase had brought him "political grief" and that, if he had his time again, he would not repeat the error. The compromise wasn't worth it," he said because the problems "overwhelmed" the benefits of public spending controls.
At an eve-of-poll rally in Marietta, Georgia, Patrick



challenger, kept up the at-tacks on Mr Bush's "taxand-spend" policies which have helped his popularity to soar. "Read our lips: no second term." he told

upporters. Maryland, Colorado and Georgia heid Republican primaries yesterday to select 131 delegates for the party's presidential nominating convention in August. Mr Buchanan made Georgia the main battlefield, launching economic assaults and an extraordinary television campaign against the Bush administration's subsidy of homosexual and whose national fapproval

PRESIDENT Bush made a rating" fell to new low of 40 per cent yesterday, was on the defensive for most of the Georgia campaign.

His supporters attacked Mr Buchanan's opposition to the Iraqi war and tried to portray him as a fake conservative who was "flirting with fascism". But the president himself remained above the fray, apologising for mistakes and promising that he would do better when the improved climate concentrate on domestic

policy.
The Buchanan camp's best hope of wounding him was in attracting white rural Democrats who, under Georgia rules, could choose to vote in the Republican primary. Mr Buchanan made a bid of his own for these votes yesterday, criti-cising civil rights laws designed to promote the election of black officials.

The Democrats held four primaries yesterday, in Georgia, Colorado, Maryland and Utah. Chief interest lay in whether Paul Tsongas could win Colorado and Maryland, states far from his home base in Massachusetts, and whether Bill Clinton could win well enough in Georgia to prove that he has put his personal problems behind him.

From today the Republican campaign moves to South Carolina, a Bush stronghold, which votes on Saturday with former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke on the ballot for the first time. The biggest test is on March 10, when Mr Tsongas and Mr Clinton will clash in Florida for the first time on equal terms and Mr Bush will expect a convincing Texan snub to Mr Buchanan.



Small talk: Bill Clinton, looking for victory on the Democratic campaign trail in Columbus, Georgia, meeting a toddler who appears overawed by the American way of democracy. Georgia was one of several states voting in primary elections yesterday

Cousin Theodora masterminds Tsongas kitchen campaign

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN DENVER, COLORADO

WHEN Paul Tsongas, the lic, and for the next eight Democratic contender, made America chuckle by deciaring for president last April, practically the only person he knew in Colorado was his cousin Theodora, an environmental health scientist and complete political novice. Would she deliver him Colorado, he asked? "I'll try," she replied. "It's not every day of the week that a cousin runs for

Standing shyly amid senators, congressmen and other Democratic luminaries during a reception at the gover-nor's mansion last weekend, Miss Tsongas admitted that at first she "did not know what to do". She gave up her job. She studied her cousin's bite-the-bullet economic preing herself to speak in pub-polls were correct, Miss

months this small, middleaged woman with thick glasses was the extent of her cousin's presidential cam-paign in Colorado, operating from the kitchen of her little Denver home. The publicity that fol-

lowed Mr Tsongas's famous New Hampshire victory two weeks ago changed every-thing. She returned home two nights later to find 96 messages on her answering machine. Donations began to flow in and scores of volunteers suddenly materialised. Mr Tsongas's ratings shot up, from 4 per cent, to 27 per cent as he leap-frogged over Bill Clinton, his rival for the nomination. "Oh, wowt," she exclaimed. "He's really going to do it." If the last-minute opinion

Tsongas should indeed have delivered Colorado to her cousin in yesterday's pri-mary, though both Mr Clinton and Jerry Brown, the former California governor, were still in strong contention. The former Massachusetts senator was also favoured to win Maryland and possibly Washington state yesterday, leaving Mr Clinton with the consolation

prize of Georgia. If those predictions are confirmed, this morning the candidate who recently let slip that schoolmates called him Tsongie-Bongie will undoubtedly be the Democrats' man of the moment. He will have proved beyond doubt that he is a national force, and that a single strong idea can still triumph over the

Number of delegates at stake in summer conventions: Democrat 4,287 Republican 2,209

Yesterday's state primaries with delegate number at stake (Democrat figure excludes small number of "superdelegates" who go to convention uncommitted) and 1988's results: ● Colorado 47 Dem, 37 Rep 1988: Michael Dukakis won Dem caucus

with 42 per cent; George Bush won Rep contest (76%) ● Georgia 76 Dem, 52 Rep 1988: Jesse Jackson won Dem primary (40%);

Bush won Rep primary (54%)

Maryland 67 Dem, 42 Rep

1988: Dukakis won Dem primary (46%); Bush won
Rep primary (53%)

Utah (Dem primary only today), 23 Dem

1988: Dukakis won caucus (72%)

Yesterday's state caucuses with delegate number at stake (Dem figure excludes "superdelegates") and 1988 results

 Minnesota 78 Dem, 32 Rep • Minnesota 75 Dem., 32 Rep 1988: Dukakis won Dem caucus (33%); Robert Dole won Rep caucus (42%) • Washington state 71 Dem., 35 Rep 1988: Dukakis won Dem caucus (44%), Pat Robertson won Rep caucus (39%) • Idaho (Dem caucus only) 18 Dem 1988: Dukakis won (38%)

There is also a Democratic caucus today in nerican Samos to select six de

Duke's band to jazz up

police at proteste proteste parks ri

A jazz concert by the Duke Ellington orchestra will close this year's Spoleto Festival USA, in Charleston, South Carolina, rather than the traditional classical performance, organisers said. "It will be really exciting to hear and see that music in that environment," said Marcus Overton, the executive direc-tor. It will be the first jazz finale in the arts festival's 15year history.

finale

In another innovation. three late-night cabaret con-cens will be staged, featuring such artists as the Metropolitan Opera soprano, Clamma Dale, composer-pianist William Bolcom, and his wife, Joan Morris, and pianistsinger Steve Ross.

The German skating star, Katarina Witt, will testify in the trial in Santa Ana, California, of a man accused of sending her threatening and

obscene mail. a judge has ruled. However, Judge Gary Taylor, of the US District Court, said he had reservations about bringing her into court with defendant Harry Veltman III, because of his alleged obsession with her. The Prince of Wales's former

Welsh tutor, Tedi Millward, says that he should allow his sons to learn the sons seems to be prince spent six weeks learning Welsh ar University College in Aberystwyth before his investiture. But Mr Millward dismissed the Prince's crash course 23 years ago as a "public rela-tions exercise" and said Prince William and Prince Harry should learn Welsh property.

Novelist Catherine Cookson, aged 86, has given £100,000 to Sunderland Polytechnic for research into autism and tropical diseases. Half the cash has been used to buy a hi-tech analytical machine to speed up its study of autism. The rest will go to its tropical diseases research unit, cural Indian remedies for arthritis.

UN team strikes at Iraqi gas stocks

WHILE Iraq and the United Nations bicker over scrapping Baghdad's arms industry. UN experts are destroying the feared chemicals weapons which President Saddam Hussein threatened to use during the 42-day Gulf war but never fired.

"We have successfully managed to blown up 75 leaking nerve-gas rockets without any detrimental impact on the environment or the people living in the vicinity," said Michel Desgranges, the Frenchman who heads the 26-man team carrying out the hazardous task.

We began our work by destroying five rockets, then ten, and so on," he said. "We want to verify at each stage that what we are doing is completely safe."

M Desgrange's mission is going smoothly, in contrast to experts which left Baghdad at the weekend after failing to get permission to destroy ma-terial it said was for modifying missiles. That incident led to fresh condemnation of Iraq by the security council. M Desgranges, satisfied with the destruction process,

has now decided to increase the number of rockets to be destroyed every day. "From today, we will destroy a maximum of 40 per day and hope to finish our task within eight to nine days," he said.

His team started exploding

the rockets on February 25 at Khamasiyah, close to the southern city of Nasiriyah. They have established a three-mile wide security zone to protect the environment and the people living in the vicinty. The site designated by the UN for the destruction of Iraq's chemical, ballistic and nuclear weapons is Muthans, 80 miles northwest of Baghdad, but M Desgranges said it was too risky to move the leaking rockets there. "Their transportation would have been hazardous to the environment and the people en route," he said.

M Desgranges said that relations with the Iraqis have been "normal and reasonable. Everything is going according to plan." He said his team's success would make it easier for other UN experts to start destroying stocks of mustard gas and other substances at Muthana. (Reuter)

Andy Kershaw in Haiti

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Begin in critical condition

gin, the only Israeli prime minister to sign a peace treaty with an Arab country, was yesterday in a critical condition on a hospital respirator. Dan Michaeli, the director of the Ichilov hospital in Tel Aviv, said Mr Begin, aged 78, "most probably had a heart attack". Blood had temporarily stopped flowing to Mr Begin's brain, which might

cause brain damage.
The former Likud prime minister, a hardliner who made peace with Egypt in 1979 and won the Nobel peace prize, has suffered from heart trouble and spent long periods in hospital. (Reuter)

Algeria penalty Algiers: Algerian authorities condemned three Muslim Hezbollah party extremists to death for murder and kidnapping, as a court prepared to rule on whether to ban the fundamentalist. Indexes to the court prepared to the c fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front. (Reuter)

Unesco mission Paris: Unesco, the UN culture agency, acknowledged that it has sent an unannounced mission to Iraq to study how it could participate in "humanitarian assistance" but said that it did not break

Keating boost

Sydney: Two polis indicated a sharp rise in support — of six to 16 percentage points — for Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, after he had attacked Britain and released his plans for economic regeneration. (AFP)

Children suffer Paris: Half the world's 17 million refugees are children, the UN Children's Fund said, and they suffer huge mortality rates - as high as 300 per

1,000 among Sudanese refu-

gees. Unicef spent £19 million in 1990. (AFP) Bus deaths

Dhaka: At least 35 people were killed and 42 missing after a bus skidded from a bridge into a river near Nilphamari in northern Ban-gladesh.

Castro recalls nuclear peril

big money.

PEELING away 30 years of secrecy and speculation, Pres-ident Castro has offered his version of the incident that brought the world closer than ever before to nuclear war: the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

"We have absolutely nothing to hide about the October crisis," the Cuban leader said during four special programmes broadcast by Cu-ban television. He said the idea of installing nuclear missiles in Cuba in 1962 came from the Soviet Union. Havana agreed not because it wanted to attack America but as part of a global strategy to strengthen the socialist cause. Using the missiles to defend Cuba against an expected US invasion was a secondary

consideration "We didn't like the missiles. If it had been a question of our defence, we wouldn't have accepted them," President Castro said. He spoke at a January 9-13 academic conference on the missile crisis held in Cuba, which was closed to Havana-based reporters but was filmed in its

THE riddle of how to pre-

serve the crumbling 4,600-

year-old Sphinx remained unresolved yesterday at the conclusion of the first inter-

national conference of sci-

entific experts called by the

Egyptian government to

As the enigmatic man-cat

sat brooding in the desert a few hundred yards away, half covered in ugly scaffold-

ing and surrounded by

scores of pollution-spread-ing coaches, the scientists meeting in the historic Me-na House Hotel failed to

agree on ways to save the

monument or even how long

Bahiy Isawi, an Egyptian

eologist, claimed that the

Sphinx and the pyramids it guards would completely

disappear after 100,000

years if present climatic con-

ditions continued. But other experts dismissed his as-

sessment as hopelessly over-optimistic during the often heated closed-door sessions.

Even the ministerial press

plan its rescue.

it could last.

Pascal Fletcher in Havana looks at Castro's version of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis

entirety by Cuban television. The 65-year-old Cuban leader exchanged impressions with other missile crisis veterans from the United States and the former Soviet Union. He said he remem-bered both President Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev as men of courage.

His testimony addressedan allegation made by Khrushchev in memoirs published in 1990 that President Castro had urged Moscow to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the United States. Cuban media had said Khrushchev misinterpreted a message sent by the Cuban-leader in October 1962. President Castro told the

Havana conference he was

conference to announce re-

commendations was de-

layed by nearly an hour

because of heavy traffic on

the road out to the Sphinx at

Giza.Experts allege that car

pollution has caused it to

convinced at the time that a US invasion of Cuba would have triggered a nuclear conflict. Under those circumstances, the Cuban leader ship was in favour of using tactical nuclear weapons. This was the essence of his message to Khrushchev.

half-vote at convention

The Soviet Union deployed 42,000 troops in Cuba armed with 36 nuclear warheads for use with R-12 intermediaterange ballistic missiles. It also deployed nine Luna tactical missiles with nuclear warheads to be used against a US invasion force. At the time, President Kennedy was advised by the Central Intelligence Agency that there were no tactical nuclear warheads on the island and only

10,000 Soviet troops. Another disclosure made at the Havana conference by General Anatoly Gribkov, former director of operations of the Soviet High Command, was that Soviet commanders in Cuba were authorised to use the tactical weapons at their discretion. against a US attack. (Reuter)

"There was no agreement

on the technical means to

save the monument," said

Barry Stow, a British expert

invited to address the con-

ference. The only consen-

Africans press for trade in elephants

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN KYOTO

A RIFT opened yesterday be-tween four southern African nations and the rest of the world over a proposal to allow the killing and trading of controlled numbers of animals belonging to endan-gered species. The main ani-mal affected would be the African elephant.

The proposal, tabled by Zimbabwe, Botswana, Na-mibia and Malawi on the first day of debate at the eighth session of the Convention on. International Trade in Endangered Species in Kyoto, is intended to force drastic changes in the convention's basic principles, giving great-er control over conservation methods to the nations that 'own the animals".

"We in southern Africa cannot wait any longer. Southern Africa is choking to death: We need to trade in wildlife," Niko Bessinger, the wildlife, conservation and

Mr Stow's company has

rust been selected to assist

in a UNESCO project to pre-

serve the entire pyramids plateau. He said the pro-

ceedings had been split be-

tween those wanting to con-

tourism minister for Namib-ia, said. Mr Bessinger argues that the African elephant is no longer endangered and that a controlled level of trade, maintaining the elephant population at sustainable levels, would be beneficial in the long run because poor African nations would be able to plough their commercial gains back into more effective methods of conservation.

The issue, which is expected to dominate the conference, brought heated debate. Positions were taken disclosing polarisation between North and South, between rich and poor nations. "Conservation by external

bodies is an archaic form of imperialism, a scientific and new form of colonialism," Marshall Murphree, a member of the Zimbabwe delega-tion, said. The patronising North maintains that protection is best achieved through a combination of legislation and technocracy. It views the South as technologically backward, administratively inept and fundamentally cor-rupt. The real managers of wildlife can only be those who live with that wildlife."

Delegations from Britain, America and the European Community threw their weight behind a move for cautious reappraisal and study of the proposal, fearful that an outright rejection could prompt the four African nations to leave the conference and start trading outside the convention.

If working committees do not produce conclusions on the proposal by the time the conference ends on Friday week, the proposal is likely to remain buried until the next conference in three years' time. Some argue that that would be precisely the result desired by the richer countries of the North.

The four southern African nations argue that the increase in the number of Nile crocodiles from a few hundred to 80,000 since trading was allowed and ranching started indicates that a similar effect might be seen with the elephant if the trade ban



Science pursues survival of the man-cat

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

Goodbye to chips: experts are divided over whether to conserve or restore the Sphinx

sus was that the primary serve what remains of the Sphinx and those wanting to restore it. The statue was restored both in ancient Egyptian and in Roman times, but lay

buried until Napoleon Bonaparte ordered it uncovered during a French expedition to Egypt in 1798, a feat finally accomplished 57 years late Farouk Hosni, the minis-

ter of culture, and his officials were repeatedly pressed as to why so much traffic was still permitted in the environs of the Sphinx. Zahi Hawass, director of the Giza Plateau, claimed that measures were underway to have the vehicles and the camel drivers who mob tourists removed to a safe distance.

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Police attack on Nairobi protesters sparks riots

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

nya reached boiling point yesterday as police attempted to break up a hunger strike in support of political prisoners by using tear gas, and set off riots in the centre of Nairobi. Three women, including Wangari Maathi, the country's leading female politician, were besten uncon-

scious and taken to hospital. Angry members of the pub-lic threw stones at police and women stripped off to trunt officers after they had fired tear gas into a tent housing the mothers of 52 political detainees who had been on hunger strike for five days in Nairobi's showpiece Uhuru (freedom) park to drive home their demands for the prisoners' release. A number of the women who danced naked were arrested and taken away In lorries.

Cars were set alight as rlot police swarmed through the commercial centre of the Kenyan capital and fired tear gas into crowds of spectators and demonstrators. Last night, groups of youths and office workers confronted riot police at road junctions as commuters struggled to make their way home through burnt-out vehicles and buses.



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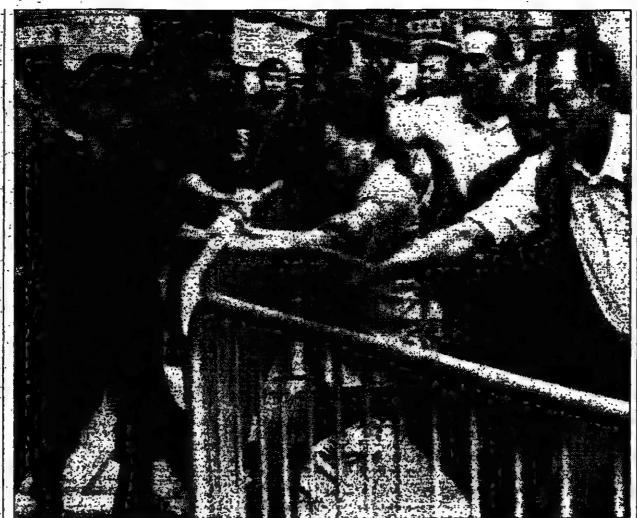
POLITICAL tensions in Kenya reached boiling point yes-whom, like Gladis Setu Kariuke, are aged over 70, vowed to continue their fasting until. they died or their sons were released from the maximumsecurity Koige Wamwere

A government spokesman said that "the opposition has hijacked the mothers' strike to promote their own selfish political interests, resulting in rapid deterioration of sec-urity". Under domestic and international pressure, President Moi had legalised multiparty politics last December. but said that the move would provoke tribal violence and a breakdown in law and order.

Yesterday, the International Commission of Jurists criticised the government for failing to act against those who had attacked supporters of the opposision Forum for the Restoration of Democracy in the past few weeks. Last week, large numbers of youths best and burnt supporters at an opposition meeting in Ngong township on the outskirts of

More recently, the car of Oginga Odinga, the forum leader, was stoned by ruling Kanu party supporters, a par-ty of forum officials was attacked in the remote desert town of Garissa, and on Sunday riot police charged a small group of people marching in support of the hungerstriking mothers.

• Father accused: John Ward, the father of Julie Ward, was accused by de-fence lawyers at the trial of two game wardens charged with her murder of being a bad detective and not follow ing up clues. Mr Ward, who led a campaign to prove she had been murdered in the Massai Mara game reserve, replied he was not a police-man and had left investigations to police. (Reuter)



Fenced out: Hong Kong police prevent evicted residents from the famed and squalid Walled City returning home yesterday. The government is planning a park redevelopment but local people want more compensation

Whites and blacks rally to De Klerk

ELIZABETH Mathole, perhaps unformately for President de Klerk, is not eligible to vote in the forthcoming South African referencium on constitutional reforms. As his entourage swept by her on the campaign trail around Johannesburg yesterday, she was applauding him.

It matters little to Mrs.

Marbola that her skin colours

Mathole that her skin colour bars her from participating in the March 17, poll of white voters. As a black, she is look-ing more to the future: "I think Mr de Klerk is going to help African people. If he and Mr [Nelson] Mandela can work together, everything will be all right."

Judging by the enthusiastic response to Mr de Klerk's referendum road show so far, many whites share her opti-mism of muhiracial harmony in the post-apartheid era. From the residents of a retire-

'F.W.' is travelling South Africa to win over waverers to his constitutional reforms, and also managing to impress non-voters, Gavin Bell writes from Johannesburg

tirement home east of Johan-

nesburg could have created

problems: here were veterans

of apartheid, who had sup-

An equally enthusiastic re-ception awaited Mr de Klerk

at the Rand Afrikauns Univ-

ersity. Rock music blaring

through the canteen was switched off to allow him to

ment home to students at an Afrikaans university, white round Mr de Klerk. The determination with

which he is approaching his crucial battle with the far-right Conservative party is apparent from his tactics. In contrast with the low-key election campaigns of the past, when the only uncertainty was the size of the National party majority, Mr de Klerk has embarked on an American style tour of his constituencies to drum up support among waverers, with daily walkshouts.

His appearance at the re-

tice and equality would pre-vail over racism. His youthful audience demonstrated their approval by dancing and apping on the tables. The only sour note was

struck by a lone student wearing a Conservative sweatshirt who called out: "Hey, F. W., the wrath of God is upon you and your government." The heckler said later that Mr de posted that policy through four decades of Nationalist rule. However, marshalling a welcoming committee at the gates, Anna Wessels, aged 70, said: "Twe been a Nationalist all the said I'll be Klerk, by negotiating with black leaders, was "talking with the anti-Christ and Satan himself". Religious fervour has emerged as a theme of the right-wing campaign. Andries Treurnicht, the Conalist all my life, and I'll be a Nationalist till I die. F. W. [de Klerk] is my man. If he falls, we all go down with him." servative leader, declared at his opening rally near Cape Town that the referendum offered not only a political choice, but one of faith between a "Godly future" and one that was dominated by

Critics drive for trams' demise

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN CALCUTTA

alcutta's trams, the last in India, are threatened. Plans are afoot to close some lines, and there are many who want the entire network torn up. The British-owned Calcutta Transport Company began the first horse-drawn service 119 years ago.

Decrepit they undoubt-edly are, but the trams are generally held in affection even though they create bedlam. Most of the 45 miles of double tracks share the roads with rickshaws, bicycles, cars, lorries, buses, carts and scooters. They are slow and

stop a lot, making them king of the chaos.

Maintaining a usable fleet of 230 trams is dauntingly expensive. One new train costs the equivalent of ten new buses, because there is no mass production. But they are pollution-free and carry 400,000 passengers a day in unequalled safety through one of the world's great traffic nightmares.

We have not taken a final decision on their transport secretary of West Bengal's communist gov-ernment, said. "Some routes may be withdrawn where the trams share the road with other forms of transport. They cause a

great deal of congestion."
Only about 15 miles of tram lines are blocked off from other traffic, which makes tram enthusiasts worried that the system may be pared down to that minimal size. That could lead to full closure because the system would then be even more uneconomic than it is now, with annual losses running at well over 100 million rupees (£2.2 million). Most of the track is in bad condition, causing frequent derailments.

Mother Teresa is back at her modest headquarters down an alleyway off Lower Circular Road, just up from St James's Church in Calcutta. A 2 inhigh sign on the wall is all that heralds her: "Mother Teresa, MC." She is spendfrom surgery. Sister Priscilla, one of her closest aides. said that she was feeling

'pretty much herself". But there has been talk of a successor to take charge of the Missionaries of Charity, a worldwide organ-isation. The name of Sister Frederick, who has the title of assistant superior-general, has been mentioned. Sister Priscilla, secretary general of the order, said she was aware that there had been speculation in the press about a successor being groomed.

"This is not political work, this is something spiritual," she said. "Sister Frederick has been elected



do not know where the media picked that up."

Bengali brothers or not, there is friction in Calcutta over the arrival of hundreds of thousands of Bangladeshis looking for work. Many of them scratch a living as hawkers on Calcutta's pavements, which are increasingly im-passable because of the spread of bangles, balloons, magazines and fruit. Ear cleaners, barbers, medical quacks, astrologers and Bangladeshi beggar child-ren vie for attention. There have been clarkes between the immigrants and local people who bitterly resent the competition for jobs and somewhere to live. The West Bengal state

government is alarmed by the influx, which shows no sign of abating. The 1,400-mile border is porous and

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Deceived by dubious diets

James Le Fanu is sceptical about a trendy Mediterranean food fad

hen, in the early 1950s, Elizabeth David told her friends she was heading South to find some interesting recipes for a book, they could not have been more discouraging. "All that pasta," they said: "we have enough stodge here already, you won't find much else." Their prejudices accurately reflected nose of the great Mrs Beeton. "The Italians — with the exception of macaroni - have no specially characteristic article of food."

Had Mrs David asked the advice of the nutritionists of the time, they would have been equally damning, "Everyone" knew that the central pillars of a healthy diet were meat, milk and dairy products — collectively known as "protective foods" because they protected against ill health. You only had to look at the Italians to see how bad their diet must be: all that oil made their skin greasy, while their vast intake of pasta explained why they were small

and fat. Luckily for us, Mrs David took no notice, and the result of her labours Mediterranean Food, reeking with the "warm, rich, sumulating smells of genuine food". transformed landscape of cooking forever.

Now nutritional, as well as gastronomic, fashion has caught up with her. Last year after

entific evidence about the causes of chronic diseases in the West and their growing prevalence in developing countries, the World Health Organisation delivered its verdict. Everyone, north, south, east and west, should shift to a Mediterranean-style diet.

The organisation's Professor Philip James urged the universal adoption of the "peasant diet", based on simple unrefined foods with a lot of pasta and fish, fruit and unsaturated oil. Mrs David's successors at the Gulld of Food Writers have taken up the cause with zeal, and the Channel 4 programme Food File tonight makes the point. British food is lamentable; the Mediterranean diet (bean soup poured out over with a couple of glasses of wine) is delicious. Then some talking heads pop up to tell us that "everyone knows" that the hard saturated fats in meat and dairy products fur up the arteries, causing heart attacks, not to mention

'half" of all cancers. All this sounds plausible enough until one starts examining it. It is well known that international organisations such as WHO have a penchant for drawing up gran-diose plans to save the world, but is it not slightly too utopian to suggest that everyone should be eating the same sort of food?

Then, the "Mediterranean diet", which purportedly explains the good health of the peoples of that region is certainly not synony-mous with WHO's "peasant diet" - indeed it positively bristles with supposedly unhealthy food. Andalucian breakfast starts with full cream milk and chocolate, followed by toasted white bread

covered with goose fat washed down with a double brandy and terminated with a cigarette. The southern French certainly eat a lot of fish, but no proper meal can be considered complete unless there is also meat daube, lamb with garlic or roast duck. Salt is

> flected in the popularity of sickly west cakes and biscults. Nor, one might add, is the evidence compelling that the Mediterraneans are that much healthier. They live no longer than people from northern climes. Certainly heart disease is rarer, but so is hing cancer, despite massive cigarette consumption. They sim-ply die of other things. Indeed the major characteristic of the diet and health debate in the past few years has been increasing un-certainty, which makes it odd that WHO should use its authority to

ubiquitous — in salads (handfuls

of it), charcuterie, anchovies and

cheese. The Arabic influence in

southern Spain and Italy is re-

assert the contrary. The simple, earthy peasant diet of southern Italy is indeed wonderful. but the joy of food lies in its diversity. So to argue that it alone holds the key to good health is, well, a bit fishy. Whenever simple solutions -

especially dietary sented as the answer to complex matters of health and illness, it is a

a generation of cooks fair bet that somewhere a single issue campaigner is lurking; and so it turns out

Elizabeth David: inspired

It is no secret that a few people have been particularly vocal on food issues in recent years. Their profile may be lower than it was, but this is only because of a shift in tactics towards promoting their views by the methods developed by the left over the past few decades. Their names are to be found behind front organisations with worthy sounding titles like "Parents For Safe Food" and "The Food Additive Campaign Team". They are particularly influential in the Guild of Food Writers, whose journal is a platform for their opinions. They set up a broad front organisation "The National Food Alliance", co-opting resp able organisations such as the Women's Farmers Union. They have set up a parliamentary "Food and Health Forum" to disseminate their ideas to those with

Their driving animus is a quasi-religious belief in the harm done by the "Western diet" and hostility to the food industry. Their aims are interventionist: to persuade government to set up a joint mini-stry of food and health to promote their version of nutritional wisdom and compel farmers and food producers to fall into line.

The beauty of campaigning in favour of a "Mediterranean diet for all" is that it implicitly condemns native British cooking as unhealthy. Where, in this brave new world of dietary uniformity is there space for Mrs David's crochette de cervella (calf brains, egg, flour and butter) or casquela (pork sausages, bacon fat, butter, wine and vegetables)?

Sarajevo, the city which sparked the great war, is threatened by conflict again, says Roger Boyes

into a Sarajevo pavement mark the place where Gavrilo Princip stood to shoot Archduke Franz Ferdinand and began the first world war. Today. armed Muslim "green berets" man a road-block near Princip Bridge, and Bosnia is again only two steps from war.

Transistor radio sets blare in the bazaar and the cafes as the Bosnians wait for war. The noises yesterday were mainly soothing: the dismantling of some barricades, reassurances to the Serbs who see no future in an independent Bosnia. Nobody in Sarajevo needs to be reminded that war in Bosnia would, in the words of the Serbian writer Vuk Draskovic, mire our country in blood up to its knees". And Princip's footsteps show how war in Bosnia can easily lead to a Balkan and ultimately European conflict.

The Bosnian leadership of President Alija Izetbegovic is based on shrewd coalition politics and is motivated by the simple desire to avoid being carved up by the currently under-employed war machines of the neighbouring Serbs and Croats. Thus last weekend's referendum was supposed to show that Bosnia-Herze-

Haunted by the past

govina want independence and sovereignty, the hope being that the European Community would then hasten to recognise the republic, which could perhaps eventually be "regionalised", with Bosnian Serbs and Bosnian Croats given spheres of influence.

The details of how this last stage would operate have yet to be worked out. At best it is an attempt to prevent Belgrade and Zagreb swallowing up Bosnian territory and leaving the Muslims with a poor, meaningless chunk in the middle. This necessary vagueness about what happens next has sent Serbs, Croats and Muslims hurrying for their guns. The religious and national tolerance of the republic is crumbling fast; traditional political alignments have fallen apart.

President Izetbegovic is a Mus-lim, like some 1.5 million other Bosnians. They are descendants of the Slav landowners who converted to Islam under the Ottomans. For the first-time visitor, the republic presents a strange vision: out of a typical central European landscape of dense forest and green valleys, one stumbles into a city dominated by minarets and the calls of the muezzin. Architecturally, the mosques of Saraievo rank among the world's best; there would have been more if Prince Eugene had not destroyed the city in 1697 on behalf of Christendom.

The Ottomans identified reli-

gion with nationality. When modern nationalism challenged this idea, both Serbs and Croats scrambled to claim the Bosnian Muslims as their own. Vuk Karadzic, the Serbian nationalist thinker of the early 19th century, tried to show that the Muslims belonged historically to Serbia. Later, during the second world war, the Ustashi fascists even gave the Muslims the honorific title "blossom of the Croatian people".

Bosnian politicians have plainly favoured the Catholic Croats over the orthodox Serbs. In the past few years this has been an important political axis, with Bosnian Croats and Bosnian Muslims making a nationalist policies of Slobodan Milosevic. But recent talk in Zagreb about slicing up Bosnia and handing western Herzegovma to the Croats has destroyed any

real trust. Both Serbs and Croat militants have been convinced by the past eight months of war that military prowess is an essential part of a political solution. This leaves the Bosnian Muslims politically isolated, even though they form the biggest part of the population (44 per cent compared to the Serbs 31 per cent and the Croats 17

The danger is not only that war will break out in every Bosnian street — the Muslims, Croats and Serbs are densely intertwined — but that the fighting will widen as the Bosnian Muslims seek support from Islamic states. President Izetbegovic told a Turkish newspaper the other day that he would appeal to friends, "primarily Tur-key", if the federal army should try

The main aim of both the Bosnian leadership and its wellsosman leadership and its well-wishers in Western Europe is to keep the federal Yugoslav army, which is stationed in large numbers in Bosnia, away from the Serbian radicals. This coalition proved deadly in Croatia, and it could have an even more devastating effect in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Bosnian Serbs have allies among garrison commanders in towns strung along the border with Croatia. The Yugoslav officer corps. overwhelmingly Serbian, has its own agenda, and has not been brought under Mr Milo-sevic's control. Moreover, it is an army without a home.

In Russia, President Yeltsin has increased the salaries of officers and handed over married quarters to soldiers who have lost their privileges and security. In Bosnia, President Izetbegovic has been taking a similar tack with the Yugoslav army, guaranteeing their pensions and housing subsidies after independence it is dies after independence. It is costing Bosnia-Herzegovina dearly: army bills are paid, if at all, in dinars printed recklessly in Belgrade, but this straightforward bribery may be the only way to exorcise Princip's ghost and avoid

J'accuse: the Irish church

letter to the Catholic hierarchy

Conor Cruise O'Brien writes an open our Lordships, You are primarily responsible for the passage of a ment under which an unknown number of innocent women can be, have been, and are being persecuted in the name of a supposed absolute: "the right to life of the unborn". The most conspicuous victim is the girl nominated X in last week's

Supreme Court decision. That girl now is free to travel thanks to that decision. The loophole of going to England is restored. But the supposedly equal right to life of the unborn remains intact within our jurisdiction and governs, for example, the treat-ment in our hospitals of pregnant cancer victims

say, apparently, because we won't know the current status of our laws in this matter until the Supreme Court has made known the grounds on which it Much indignation

was expressed following Mr Justice

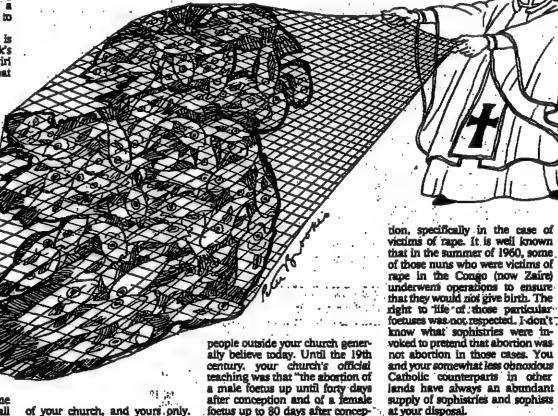
tion, and rightly so. The lobbyists who led the public campaign for the eighth amendment have been severely embarrassed. Your lordships, however — the prime movers in that campaign, as we all know - have been largely immune from criticism. Old habits of deference die hard. I address you. therefore, rather than the lobby ists. If one has complaints about the behaviour of the monkeys, it is more sensible to address oneself to the organ grinder, rather than to

tune that our people gave us the eighth amendment which has disgraced us in the eyes of the I accuse you of abusing your power by causing to be inserted into the fundamental law of the state, binding on all citizens, a

simplified version of the teaching

the little creatures who pass the

cap around for him. It was to your



of your church, and yours only. foetus up to 80 days after concep-This is manifestly unjust to those of us who conscientiously reject tion carried no penalty with it. In practice this meant - since there was no way of determining the sex your teaching in that matter. I accuse you also of deceiving the of the focus - that abortion was exempt from punishment for the first eighty days of pregnancy." In the late 19th century, for reasons public, in the sense that you knowingly permitted your agents to present a crudely simplified version of Catholic teaching on unknown to me, the Catholic church infallibly decided that what it had been infallibly teachthis matter. We were given to understand that it has always been ing up to then was now infallibly wrong. From this late period in the the teaching of the church that the foetus, from the moment of conception, is fully a human being, history of your ancient institution whose right to be born is (at least) dates the doctrine of the right to equal to its mother's right to live. life of the foetus from the moment As you know, this is untrue. For

of conception.

That doctrine is absolute and peremptory, though in practice your church has permitted aborYour lordships, who do you think you are fooling? The legal outcome at which you express satisfaction is one which permits a girl to go to

England to get an abortion. You then go on, as if nothing had happened, to reiterate, in all its purity, the very doctrine on which was based the High Court injunction, the striking down of which by the Supreme receive Court you

life should not be made to pay

the penalty of death for the

I have never read a statement which so happily combines absurdity. complacency. Impu-dence, incoherence and incongruity as that 14line fatwa issued on your behalf by the Catholic press and information office last week. I am afraid your

lordships are so accustomed to having your utterances treated with respect that you have forgotten that nonsense is not entitled to respect, however exalted the personages who offer it to the public. Your lordships have just had a

bad-couple of weeks. I suggest that you now take a rest. Specifically. suggest that you refrain in future from efforts to shape the laws of this state, which are for all the citizens, and not just for what you call your flock. Your flock i increasingly less flock-like. It no longer follows your teaching on contraception. Your pastoral failure in that domain largely explains your move to change the laws of the state to embody your teaching on abortion. You hoped to use the machinery of lawenforcement to supplement your crumbling moral authority. The Tesult has been a further diminution of your authority.

You may preach your peculiar doctrines to those who are willing to listen, but please don't try, any longer, to impose those doctrines on the rest of us by manipulating the laws of the state. Hierarchy and democracy go ill together, both in theory and in practice. If you haven't learnt that lesson in the past month, you never will.

...and moreover

am building a dog. It's all things considered, even if some things unconsidered have caused the odd glitch: for example, you'd think you could find a set of bent bocks prefitted with round tight toes, but you can't. While, according to Cruft's, there are all kinds of feet hocks, including arched oval. hare-toed, and even the somewhat recherché knuckled-up, round tight toes do not come as standard. They have to be As a consequence of this, my

dog does not yet have legs. It has a finely chiselled head, it has broad chops and well-sprung ribs, it has well-angulated hindquarters and a tail set high at the insertion, but it has no legs. This is a serious shortcoming given that the dog's main duties will be to accompany me on long nocturnal walks and fetch things lost about the house, eg. fags, library tickets, car keys, and so on. Leglessness will thus be something of a handicap. I do not wish to amble the night pulling my dog behind me on a little trolley, a prey to every cat and joker, nor, pressed for a smoke or library book, do i want to hang about all day while my dog rolls slowly towards them.

I may have to compromise on the legs; take whatever feet they come with. I fancied tight round toes as being (a) likely to leave smaller footprints on the carpet after wet walks, and (b) safer from harm at crowded parties when a careless brogue could

mean major veterinary bills and if the dog demonstrates any spirit — major lawsuits, but you

can't have everything.

Ears have been a headache, too. I had been rather keen on bobular as being better for reflective fondling (mine, not the dog's), but they do not go with the chiselled head, and as the head is non-negotiable, we both seem to be stuck with ears erect and triangular, ie, dust traps. When did all this start? On the

morning after my Friday piece about taking a midnight walk. I received a letter from a reader who said he was astonished to find no mention of my dog, for he'd been sure I was a dogowner, and as he warmed hysterically to his theme, I divined that he saw man as having so great a duty to dogs that to stroll alone was a criminal waste of walking So much so that if, as walker, I didn't have a dog, then I ought to buy one.

I thought for a bit. Working at home as I do, it would be agreeable to have a dog. There would be two of us to stare out of the window. But which breed? I rang a friend whose clothes are always covered in hair, and he said you need Erich Tylinek's The Dog, borrow it, it'll answer all your questions. What it did. of course. was question all my

For example, I had already reached the point of choosing between an Irish Terrier and an Afghan, which I have always liked, but the book said the former was noted for its readi-

ness to fight, while the latter was aloof and obstinate. So both were out, since I had no wish to while away the Cricklewood nights either prising my best friend's jaws from anything that moved, or fondling the ears of a pig-headed snob. But if not these, what? The Karelian Bear-Dog, perhaps? "Bred expressly for big-game hunting", it would be just the thing to stun the strolling chic - yes. I'd say, we're off to bag a few rhino as soon as the weather perks up— but "it shuns domesticity". Lost keys would leave it cold. The Bloodhound, then? It will find anything, but "relishes several days' tracking". I would have to leave my glasses in Swindon, just to get it to accept the job. The Bergamaschi? "Gentle and modest" I warmed to, but "an ever-eager herd-dog"? You would not be able to take your eyes off it for a second. The garden would fill with waifs and

All Sunday, I pored and annotated. I made Xeroxes, cut them up into canine components, mixed and matched. Did you know that there was no such thing as the perfect pooch? Until yesterday, yesterday, I arrived at my ideal identidog, tough but friendly, loyal but independent, keen on short walks, cheap food, fetching and carrying and great to look at; at least, from the shoulder up. It is a Pyrenean Cockerpointing Setter-haired Sheephound, and as soon as I decide on a suitable set of legs, I shall ring Harrod's. I'm told they can track down anything.

Votes from elsewhere

FOR the first time in her adult life, Margaret Thatcher will not be voting in person at a general elec-tion if polling day turns out to be April 9.

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ent, and much closer to what

Mrs Thatcher will be returning from a lecture tour of America that evening, and will touch down at Heathrow just a few minutes after the polling booths close. She has decided to register a proxy vote in Dulwich, where the Tory MP Gerald Bowden is defending a majority of just 180. It will almost certainly be the last time she exercises her democratic right, since she is expected to go to the House of Lords immediately after the election, and will therefore lose her vote.

Mrs Thatcher had kept her diary free in anticipation of a May election, but even if the election is held on April 9, she has decided not to cancel her long-standing and lucrative decision to tour America, where each speech she makes is expected to net £30,000 for the Thatcher Foundation.

The news that she will be abroad for what may be the last week of election campaigning has been greeted with quiet relief by Con-servative Central Office. She has received more than 150 invitations to speak during the election. but Downing Street and central office have not attempted to persuade her to change her plans, and Tory strategists are not unhappy that the former prime minister will be safely out of sight, if not mind, in what may be crucial days.

Fears had been growing that Mrs Thatcher's off-the-cuff remarks to journalists, invariably reported as rifts with John Major, could damage the campaign. Her speeches in America, however, will of course be closely scrutinised for

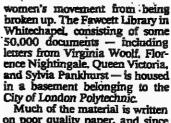


divergence from the party line. Before she leaves for America, Mrs Thatcher will campaign vigorousy throughout the country, although contrary to some reports, she is not expected to share a platform with John Major.

The news that Mikhail Gorbachev is to be paid an undisclosed sum to allow a British television company to film an everyday portrait of ex-presidential life, will go some way to alleviate an existence that has recently been anything but joyous. To add to Gorbachev's woes, President Yeltsin is now trying to eject his former boss from his office, the headquarters of the Gorbachev Foundation, officially founded yesterday. The Russian Academy, which owns the office in fashionable Leningradski Pros-pekt, falls under the jurisdiction of Boris Yeltsin, and is making life as uncomfortable as possible for the former president in an effort to remove him, according to a. senior Gorbachev aide. "We have to keep changing phone numbers as we are driven from one room to another," he says.

Ms MSS

A fi million appeal has been launched to prevent a world-famous manuscript collection on the



In any case, you made no specific exception for the benefit of

rape victims in the law you foisted on us in 1983. I wonder if any of

you has regretted that omission

during the crisis of your authority

- for it is no less - that has

followed the attorney-general's in-terim injunction on February 6.

crisis is over that the Supreme Court decision has let you off the

hook. After expressing satisfaction

with the speed of the Supreme

Court decision, you added the following moral rider: "It remains

the concern of the Catholic

Church that, as always, whatever

the circumstances, innocent new

You now apparently feel that the

on poor quality paper, and since the basement lacks a humidity control, large parts of the collection are rotting, and may have to

be divided between other libraries. The collection is now in such fragile condition that researchers may be denied access to the library. Germaine Greer, who is a patron of the library, says: "I don't want to see any library broken up. If they have to disband it there is a danger it might end up in that great seething cock-up, the British Library."

Back to bacteria

AFTER his impassioned defence of bacteria in French cheese, Prince Charles is taking his crusade on behalf of the microbe a

cultural policy. In his next book, Highgrove: Portrait of an Estate, the prince will argue that experimental farming on his estate, where the bacilli roam at will in a chemical-free environment. should provide a blueprint for the

agriculture ministry.

Giles Gordon, the prince's litcrary agent, says the book, due out in 1993, is already being dis-missed by traditional farming bodies. The prince is writing the book with the journalist Charles Clover," he says, "because it would not be proper for the prince to utter these feelings about the ministry alone. He can hardly be seen to criticise his mother's government directly."

However, the agriculture minister may already be revising his views on a bacteriologically correct society: his attitude to what the prince calls "the odorous Pont L'Evêque" remains shrouded, but John Gummer has aiready announced that organic farming will form part of his plans for reforming the EC's common agricultural policy.

■ Today's announcement of the Booker prize judging panel is a week late, due to the apparent disappearance of one of the chosen judges. Mark Lawson of The Independent. John Coldstream of The Daily Telegraph and Harriet Harvey-Wood, the literature director of the British Council, were all easily traced, as was Times critic and author Victoria Glendinning, who is to chair proceedings. But Valentine Cunningham, a left-wing English don, seemed to have vanished from Christ Church, Oxford. Frantic messages were left at the porter's lodge, but not even Book Trust bloodhound Martyn Goff could locate him. until it finally dawned on the stage further with a withering at Booker committee . . . that Val tack on the government's agri208-11- 2022

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THE CASE FOR BORROWING

The sound and fury over the prospective "imprudence" of next week's Budget is a testimony to Margaret Thatcher's enduring impact on British politics. Thirty years ago, it would have been hard to imagine the British public worrying about fiscal rectitude at a time when the economy was in deep recession and when the British government Was less in neor man remarks now seem to British politicians of all parties now seem to was less in debt than America or Germany. British pouncians of an parties about the control of be more anxious about the control of the more anxious about the cite-edged government borrowing than the gilt-edged investors who are paid to worry about these things. The markets have been driving the price of government bonds slowly but surely upwards, even as forecasts of the publicsector borrowing requirement (PSBR) have

risen ineluctably.

As usual, markets have understood things better than politicians. A PSBR of £20 billion, £25 billion or even £30 billion is not automatically a sign of imprudence, a threat to future prosperity, or a burden on future grandchildren. Whether public borrowing is or is not desirable depends simply on the uses to which the borrowed money is put and on other policies used by government to achieve its economic objectives. On these considerations alone should Norman Lamont's borrowing next week be assessed, together with the alternatives offered by John Smith and Alan Beith.

Increasing public borrowing is not the best way to pull an economy out of recession. A sounder approach is to cut interest rates and allow the exchange rate to find its own level. Sterling, though, is now in the exchange-rate mechanism. The main cost of ERM membership is that British interest rates are now driven primarily by economic conditions in Germany, not Britain, precluding the monetary stimulus the British economy has clearly needed for over a year. But the ERM also makes it easier to run a high PSBR. Because the British government now borrows from a European-wide pool of savings, a higher PSBR is unlikely to push British interest rates upwards, nor a lower PSBR be rewarded by lower interest rates.

By entering the ERM, Britain has joined a chib in which there are strong incentives for governments to borrow as much as possible. Even a £30 billion PSBR, which would amount to 5 per cent of gross domestic product, would leave Britain among the more fiscally responsible of ERM members. Germany's present PSBR is well over 6 per

Whether the proceeds of borrowing should be used to finance tax cuts or public spending is another matter. There is much merit in Labour and Liberal claims that borrowing should finance investment, not consumption. But would the "investment" policies of the opposition parties really be more productive than the government's preferred tax cass? Would higher public pensions, subsidies for otherwise uneconomic industries and emergency training programmes to take the jobless off the unemployment registers contribute more to the economy's productive capacity than the private investments brought forth by lower taxes and higher private and corporate spending?

The answer at present must tilt towards tax cuts. This government has already been more than generous to its own sector and its own workforce. Public expenditure is due to rise this year by £5 billion more than can be accounted for by the recession. So far, the government appears to have assumed that Britain needs a public-spending led recovery. It also needs a private-spending led one. To achieve this, there are options other than a cut in the standard rate of income tax, which has the disadvantage politically of being irreversible. A reduction in the business rate would feed directly through into corporate liquidity. A raising of tax thresholds should have a more direct impact on marginal workers than an across-the-board cut in standard tax rates. It is not the level of the PSBR that should concern the public and politicians in next Tuesday's Budget but the manner in which an inevitable rise in such borrowing should be spent to help the economy out of the recession.

DOES NANNY KNOW BEST?

Britain has at last become a self-help society, trumpets a new report from Mintel. People are spending more on private health and education, insurance and pensions, detaching themselves from, or supplementing, state provision. Have the British decided no longer to "keep a hold of Nurse" because they feel grown-up enough to fend for themselves? Or have they lost confidence in the capacity of a tired and laded Nurse to protect them from lions and other perils?

Like the seven ages of man; there are at: cannabis is criminal, chaffines are outlawed. least three ages of government. The goor standing in football stadiums is banned. Yet country can afford little or no welfare for its people, who are forced to rely on charity and on each other for food, shelter, education and health care. As countries become richer, they can afford public housing, education and health, sickness and unemployment benefit, pensions. But this means public spending and a corresponding desire on the part of the state for ever greater control. The local authority that provides a house wants to determine what colour the front door should be. The government that pays for a national health service wants its citizens to eat healthily, stop smoking and belt up in the

back. Nanny rules. With the third age comes a questioning of this bossiness, of which Margaret Thatcher made a political leitmotif. Last year, the Social Democrats in Sweden suffered their worst election defeat since 1928. The country had become among the most prosperous in Europe. Its welfare state tightly held the hands of its citizens and they duly rebelled against what has come to be termed "welfare fascism". The Social Democrats were booted out in favour of more right-wing parties. Holding the balance of power was a sixmonth-old populist libertarian party called New Democracy. Its campaign slogan was "Life should be fun", with a vote-winning pledge to abolish the state monopoly on alcohol sales. Similar movements have developed elsewhere in Europe.

Has Britain reached its third age? Nanny may be somewhat less strict here than in Scandinavia. But citizens are still com-pulsorily protected "for their own good" against risks of harm that they might otherwise be prepared to take. All London's train services are shut down after an IRA threat, though the risk to individual travellers is statistically infinitesimal and certainly less than jumping on an open-platform bus outside the station. Seathelts are compulsory, when Nanny has (all too rarely) dared to allow her child to stray, the "fear of finding something worse" has proved baseless. Pub opening hours have been liberalised and the streets of England are not swarming with

But care must be taken over rash conclusions. Britons' increased spending on private services that compete with the state may be a rebellion against the bureaucracy and bossiness of the state. It could equally signal an anxiety that public services are deteriorating. Mori's survey for Times Newspapers this week found 69 per cent of people wishing the government would spend more on public services, compared with just 26 per cent wanting tax cuts. If schools and hospitals were good enough, people would not feel the need, faute de mieur, to invest in the private sector.

Whichever is right, Nanny's role is changing. Over the past decade, the trend has been away from the state as provider towards provision by the private sector with government as regulator. Even Labour no longer wants to renationalise what the Tories privatised. But it does want tougher regulation. So the difference now lies in how strict Nanny will be. Voters will soon have to choose between the all-embracing Nanny who stands no nonsense and the au pair with a lighter touch and a greater tolerance for

ROCKY HORROR SHOW

What should the Sphinx do about her (his?) face? The question has worried the thoughtful for ages, though, as Oedipus discovered, answering the Sphinn's riddle does not necessarily pay. On that occasion the Sphinx was on holiday from Giza, enjoying a little plaguing and pillaging around Thebes. In Greek her name means "Strangler", and the proto-feminist notion of a winged woman with the body of a lion came originally from Chaldaea. But it is the Great Sphinx of Egypt that is now causing concern. The oldest sculpture in the world is falling to bits from old age and modern stress. A four-day international conference in Cairo ended yesterday, having failed to agree on further remedial treatment and cosmetic and plastic surgery for the Sphinx.

For most of her life the Sphinx was protected from the slow decay of the centuries by being buried up to her neck in the sands of the Nile. The latest chronology dates her from the seventh millennium BC, and has the pyramid-building Pharaoh Keffren carving out her hindquarters and replacing the original enigmatic face with his own 5,000 years later, thus creating a truly androgynous creature.

The Sphinx's troubles really started with the modern cult of popular Egyptology. Napoleon's soldiers used her for target practice. Afro-centrist pseudo-scholars in the United States accuse Napoleon of deliberately having the Sphinx's nose shot off, in order to destroy its negroid flatness. In this way he is supposed to have robbed black Africa of the desired but dubious honour of being recognised as the cradle of civilisation. Since her second nose job, the Sphinx has been continuously eroded by acid rain, night humidity, a rising water table, the desert winds and the squalor of mass tourism.

The most damaging attack came 20 years ago when scientists injected a chemical into her breast to harden the stone. The plastic was stronger than the spongy limestone, and has flaked away chunks of the mother rock it was meant to save. The archaeological chemist in charge showed a daring impudence (the Sphirt is not to be mocked) in saying: Basically, you are dealing with a lousy rock that has been a lousy rock for ever."

The true riddling message of the Sphinx without a secret is that, by definition, no human artefact can last for ever. One day thepyramids and the Sphinx, who with a hon for her crupper sits with eternity at supper, must return to the dust and atoms from which they came. Man can only postpone inevitable decay. To be pyramidally extant for all eternity is a Sphinxian fallacy.

The only way to preserve the Minx by Spoonlight, in a poetic transposition by the Rev W. A. Spooner, is to rebury her in the sands from which she sprang. At a cleaned-up and admass-marketed Pharaohland by the Nile, polystyrene and fibreglass can create a new Sphinx for our times, who will appear a great deal sexier and less fuzzy at the edges on home videos and holiday snans than the crumbling old monster. She might even think up a new and better riddle on tape to ask the punters. Those who worship the past in stone are condemned to destroy it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Yours sincere

DENIS FORMAN,

Chelmsford, Essex.

From Mr Luke Rittner

Council, which must otherwise

wither away, be charged with this

Sir, Sir Ian Hunter (letter, February

21) and the five former Arts Council

chairmen voice the concerns of many

who have heard of the arts minister's

suggestion that the national arts

companies should be funded direct

by government, thus removing what little responsibility the Arts Council

Sir Ian says, "it seems to me intolerable that we should sit by and

watch the Arts Council being shorn of its executive powers". But if I may say so, that is precisely what we have all been doing since 1990 when the

government ordered a reorgan-isation of the Arts Council and

imposed its policy on the council.
The council itself neither demurred

nor voiced any concern at the time,

so it is hardly surprising that no one

leapt to its defence.

We should be graneful that we now have a clearer idea of what the government's real intentions are

towards the Arts Council. In the lead-

up to a general election it gives me, at

News of the Arts Council's demise may be exaggerated, but the possibil-ity surprised the many delegates gathered last week in Ottawa to

discuss the future of the arts in

Canada. The irony is that they gathered in the week in which their

government announced a doubling in the size of their are council and a

massive increase in its responsibil-

What a tragedy that we do not have a

government that values the Arts Council and how cynical is a govern-ment policy that starves the council

for ten years, provides a pre-election

increase to keep the arts lobby quiet,

and then admits it is prepared to consider its demise. It's a funny old

(Secretary-General, Arts Council,

world.

1983-90).

Yours faithfully,

LUKE RITTNER

29 Kelso Place, W8.

What a difference in approach.

east, pause for thought.

The Mill House, Howe Street.

Time to reassess defence needs

From Mr M. B. H. Ashmore Sir, It would seem, amidst all the arguments and counter arguments of the forthcoming election cam-paign, that defence is likely to be pushed to the back of the stage. First, because the government is showing signs of realising that its precipitous rush, last summer, into decisions about our future defence policy and the strength of our armed forces may have led it into a mistaken assessment of our needs, particularly so far

as the Army is concerned.

Second, because the Labour party may content itself with its commit ment to a full defence review should it find itself in power after the election. That is, except for one thing—the publication on March 6 of the long-awaited report by the Commons Select Committee on Defence.

Ministers must be bracing themselves for what looks like being an extremely critical report. No doubt they will be seeking to minimise the damage this report can do to their election campaign. We should not be deceived by this. The future defence of the nation is too important to be put at risk for the sake of the reputations of a few ministers.

At the centre of the discussion on Options for Change has been the size of the infantry, focused on the requirement for sufficient battalions to meet our current emergency commitments, while at the same time allowing enough time for these units to recover from these arduous unaccompanied tours and to retrain for their primary strategic roles.

What is happening now is illustrative of the much more serious situation which will almost certainly develop once the planned reductions are completed in 1995: a battalion returning to Northern Ireland after as little as 11 months out of the province; another bettalion in Northern Ireland now, but due to go to Belize in November; and the cancellation of important armoured warfare training in Canada by a unit of what will be the Rapid Reaction Corps, so that the bettalion can go to Northern Ireland instead. This latter hardly fits with Mr King's often repeated promise of "smaller but better".

No doubt ministers are hoping this problem will blow over, and quickly, as it is a source of constant embarrassment, particularly to a party which prides itself on being "the party of strong defence". It is unlikely to do so until the government comes. to its senses and commits itself to a proper re-examination of defence

Yours sincerely M. B. H. ASHMORE (Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots, 1981-3), Cocklaw, Elsrickle, Biggar, Lanarkshire. February 27.

Venetian churches From Mr James Lees-Milita

Sir, I agree with Lord Norwich ("Venice behind closed doors", Feb-ruary 29) that it is dreadful to contemplate the Venezian churches kept closed except for Mass. On the other hand so long as the age we live in is dominated by criminals some drastic steps have to be taken to protect the churches' art treasures.

I feel less sympathy for the tourists than for the daily wurshippers who drop in at odd moments for prayer. The tourists should be asked to pay for the privilege of entry to these holy places. The worshippers, who are mostly natives of the city, should on no account be charged or penalised.

I suggest that every altar painting of artistic merit should be replaced by a coloured photographic repro-duction, and every figure in marble or bronze, indeed every silver candlestick and portable treasure, should be substituted by a replica in glass fibre or the up-to-date equivalent of that composition.

It is advisable to have several copies of each object made because the thieves are bound to take the reproductions from time to time. The originals can either be displayed in the Accademia or be kept under lock and key (to be viewed by the tourists for a fee) in the vestries.

JAMES LEES-MILNE, Essex House, Badminton, Avort. March 2.

Samaria and Judaea

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, Any serious discussion on Israel's policies in Samaria and Judaea must start by the acceptance of a very dear distinction between the notions of autonomy and sovereignty.

Mr Baker's halfway house, in his phrase more than autonomy and less than statehood", quoted in your leading article, "Israel's apartheid" (February 28), will not satisfy anybody.

You observe quite correctly that under Israel's current proposals, the responsibility for defence, military security and foreign affairs in the West Bank is to remain under its control. Had Israel been prepared to relinquish these responsibilities, it would in fact confer independence on a PLO-dominated mini-state.

If the Bush Administration has now reversed its well-known opposition to the creation of such a state.

Limits on intervention in the arts he were to err. Or should the Arts

From Sir Denit Forman

Sir, Ten years ago I would have supported the distinguished body of ex-chairmen of the Arts Council in their defence (letter, February 26) of the arm's-length principle in funding arts. Today, despite my deference for this formidable accumulation of experience and expertise, I beg leave to point out that when the minister suggests we might look at the possibility of directly funding the five national companies from his office he is doing little more than asking us to take cognisance of what has increasingly become the case in

FECCHI YESTE The funding demands of the arts have so far outstripped the resources that the government makes available that the Arts Council has become not so much a grant-giving body as broker between the arm inentitations. many of them struggling for survival. and their paymaster, who must surely share the responsibility if not for their welfare, at least for their continuing existence.

The arts have so greatly gained in pational importance since the arm's-length principle was formulated that the time must come sooner or later when we accept that they must take their place in the direct line of government responsibility either na-tionally, as in France, or as the responsibility mainly of regional

government, as in Germany. Both the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties are likely to in-clude plans for a Ministry of the Arts in their election manifestos and it must be questionable whether these ministries would be any less interventionist than the present Office of

Arm and Libraries. There is, of course, the obvious danger of politically motivated inter-ference in arts policy. Even if this does not occur it will be suspected. There will also be embarrassments for the minister. Suppose, for instance, one of the national companies was to resurred Hochhuth's play The Soldiers, which alleges that Winston Churchill planned the death of General Sikorski? There might be uncomfortable times in

nationals together with the chairmen of the regional councils could provide an advisory group to afford some protection for the minister when unjustly criticised and some corrective influence upon him if and when

Conflict in Karabakh

Sir, I have visited Nagorno Kara-

bakh five times in the last few months; including two visits in January, with the Andrel Sakharov

Foundation and Christian Solidarity

International, taking in medical

supplies and investigating human rights violations. Both organisations

are impartial, concerned equally for

the Armenian and Azeri commu-

nines. We have visited both sides, we

condemn brutality committed by

The predicament of Azerbaijani civilians, which you have reported over the last two days, is indeed tragic. So, too. is the suffering of the

180,000 Armenians in Karabakh where the Azerbaijanis have imposed a blockade which denies the Arme-

nian population electricity, running

water, fuel and medicines, and are

now using fearsome "Grad" (BM21)

multiple missile launchers on the

civilian population of Karabakh's capital, Stepanakert.

I and my colleagues have also seen

From Daronust Cox

either.

Perhaps the chairmen of the five

Merch 2. evidence of atrocities committed by Azerbaijanis on Armenian civilians. Due to the Azeri blockade, the Armenians cannot flee the region to salety, bring in ea even evacuate more than a tiny fraction of casualties. The only lifeline for the Armenians are four very small helicopters which fly at

great risk into Karabakh. If this tragic conflict is allowed to escalate into a full-scale war, repercussions could spread far beyond the Transcaucasus. It is therefore imperative that the international community takes urgent measures to deescalate the conflict by, for example, providing a constant presence of independent observers and relief workers within Karabakh. Given the recent theft of enormous arms supplies by Azeris from former Soviet weapons arsenals, an all-out assault by Azerbaijan may be imminent. These steps must therefore be taken in days rather than weeks.

Yours faithfully, CAROLINE COX. House of Lords March 3.

Public-sector pay

From Mr Alastair Hatchett

Sir, Your industrial correspondent, Ross Tieman (report, February 28), gives credence to, frankly, eccentric predictions on public-sector pay by Mr Chris Trinder of Cipia (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy). Mr Trinder claims that public-sector pay rises will exceed inflation by 3.4 to 4.3 per cent every year to 1995-6. Predictions this kind are impossible to substantiate as we do not know how the economy will perform, or what will be the state of the labour market or the prevailing rate of inflation. Where do his decimal places come Drown?

His comparison of public and private sector pay is flawed. There is no homogeneity about private sector pay: it reflects economic circumstances and performance. At the top end there has, in general, been an

then it should make it clear. If not,

neither Mr Baker nor your editorials

should be surprised if Israel adheres

to what has been its declared policy

ever since the Camp David accords.

part of a negotiating position and although it could be adjusted, it

remains based on the fact that since

the end of the Ottoman Empire

nobody achieved the status of a

legally acknowledged claimant to the

West Bank. The concept of "occupa-

tion" presupposes prior sovereignty

and no internationally recognised

sovereignty has been in place for the

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February 28.

Yours faithfully,

LIONEL BLOCH,

9 Wimpole Street, W1.

The Israeli draft autonomy plan is

over the past four years which has not yet been fully reflected in awards by the TSRB (top salaries review body). Elsewhere there has been a wide range of increases, roughly comparable with the different levels of increase agreed within the public The process of comparability that

escalation in salary and benefit levels

exists for public-sector pay determination tends to mean a continual process of catch-up with the private sector. But TSRB increases for 1992 do not set precedents for every year to 1995-6. Nor, in our view, do the 1992 TSRB awards set a rigid precedent for pay across the entire public sector even for this year - they certainly have not in past years. Yours sincerely.

ALASTAIR HATCHETT, Editor, IDS Report, Incomes Data Services Ltd., 193 St John Street, EC1. February 28.

From Mr Douglas Davis

Sir, You may question Israel's proposals for autonomy, you may even, wrongly in my opinion, impute bad faith in its motives. But it is entirely erroneous to latch on to Mrs Hanan Ashrawi's soundbite diplomacy and declare in your leading article's headline that its proposals for self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip amount to apartheid, a loathsome, neo-Nazi philosophy designed to segregate people on grounds of race.

The essential nature of the dispute between the Palestinians and Israel. whose citizens of many races enjoy full equality, is a clash of nationalism and religion, not unlike conflicts that are being experienced in a host of other states and regions, including Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely. DOUGLAS DAVIS. 30 Corringham Court. Corringham Road, NW11. February 28.

Getting to grips with the weather From the Chief Executive of the

Meteorological Office Sir, May I answer some of the points raised regarding weather forecasts on radio and TV (letters, February 26)? Viewers' difficulties in recalling the relevant information from weather forecasts are similar to the difficulties that most people experience in recalling any specific item from lists of detailed information given on TV and radio. This has been established from our own and others research and therefore we plan and present forecasts in the knowledge of

In 1990, we split the UK into ten clearly defined regions and introduced consistency into the use of these regions in broadcasts on national radio. We shall be pleased to send any interested listeners a map showing our regions.

Research has also shown that a listener retains information more easily if it is given in a set order. However, this leads to the criticism that weather forecasts are boring. We are trying to strike a balance, using a standard order on most occasions (as on the shipping forecast), but on occasion leading with some other region where there is

particularly noteworthy weather.

There is clear evidence that people retain more information when they have a carefully used visual aid in addition to the spoken word: 90 per cent of those questioned in our research stated that they obtained their weather information from TV. But while some people appreciate the displaying of isobars and fronts, others, like Mr Abeles (letter, Februsty 19), favour a simpler approach.

It is difficult to please everyone, especially inside two minutes. We will continue to do everything we can to make weather forecasts more easily

Yours sincerely, J. C. R. HUNT, Chief Executive. The Meteorological Office, Sumon House, London Road, March 3.

From Mr Zvi Silver

Sir, I suggest that the reason people do not remember anything about the weather forecast is that they are not really interested in the information supplied. What they want to know is, "Do I need a cost today or should I take an umbrella?"

Proof of this can be obtained by seeing someone look at their watch, then asking them the time. They always look at their watch again because it is useless information and they have not "filed" it in their brain. Yours faithfully, ZVI SILVER.

16 Oakmead Gardens. Edgware, Middlesex.

From Mr M. G. Henley Sir, I have found that the weather forecasts are much more comprehenrible with the sound turned off. Yours sincerely

M. G. HENLEY, 8 Ham Close. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Patrick Rowen

Sir, Let Mrs Joanna Purser (letter, February 26) beware of over-tapping her barometer. At Sandhurst in the 1940s there were two in the Old College entrance hall, one above the other. The lower always gave wild readings. A visiting mother of a cadet asked the RSM why he had two barometers there. "One is to tell the weather with, madam", he replied, "and the other is for the young gentlemen to tap".

Yours faithfully, PATRICK BOWEN. Bradridge House, Diptford, Totnes, Devon.

Always behind

From the Head Valet of The Savov Sir, Whilst I found your recent correspondence (February 26, 28) very amusing, none of the writers seems to realise the fundamental problem with buttons. It doesn't matter whether people are fat or thin, slouching or not and sit down with or without their jackets on; the problem lies with the buttons, which are now machine-stitched rather than sewn

In the Savoy's valet department. we now sew on as many as 50 buttons per week, 20 per cent of which are back-pocket buttons. The only way to stop this is to hand sew the buttons on immediately a suit is bought.

Yours faithfully, SEAN JEANNETTE. Head Valet, The Savoy, I Savoy Hill, WC2.

Whitehall whammy?

From Dr D. H. Smith

Sir, Is not the paucity of the government's regional policy illustrated by two events in the last week? First, the decision to send the foreign secretary to address the Scots and then the closure of the M4 on, of all days, St David's Day. Yours faithfully,

D. H. SMITH, The Surgery, Church Lane. Swineshead, Boston, Lincolnshire, March 3.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 3: Lieutenant General Sir John Richards was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps. and deliv-

ered up his Chain of Office. Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and received from Her Majesty his Chain of Office.

Mr John Parsons was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

Dame Mona Mitchell was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. His Excellency Señor Javier

Perez de Cuellar was received by Perez de Cuellar was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint

George. Schora Pèrez de Cuèilar was also received by Her Majesty. The Rt Hon John Major, MP Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of

The Queen this evening.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Efron as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited the Civic Centre and Crewe and Alsager College of Higher Education, Alsager, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley Davenport).

Oakham School

Swanbourne House, Salty Hugh's, Woodhalf Spa; hibkions: Giles Copp, Murpert Posts and Oakham; Oakham Es-

Scholarship awards 1992

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Her Royal Highness attended the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers' Conference Din-ner, the Abbey Hotel, Malvern, and was received by Sir Berwick Lechmere (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcesteri The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke

CLAVENCE HOUSE March 3: The Lady Angels Oswald has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The

KENSINGTON PALACE March 3: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, attended the film premiere of Hear My Song at the Odeon, Marble Arch,

The Viscountess Campden and Mr Patrick Jephson were in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE March 3: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon left RAF Northolt for Geneva. Commander Roger Walker was

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE March 3: Princess Alexandra. Patron, this evening attended a Reception given by MIND (National Association for Mental Health) in aid of the Association's Campaign to the City and Industry, at Lambeth Palace,

London SE 1. Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Alan Battersby, professor of organic chemistry, 67; Sir Arthur Bryan, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, 69; Sir John Carew Pole, former Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, 90; Mr Kenny Dalglish, football man-ager, 41; Mr Graham Dowling, cricicate, 55; Professor HJ. Eysenck, psychologist, 76; Mr Harvey Goldsmith, impresario, 46; Mr Bernard Haltink, conductor, 63; Mr John Hunt, former headmaster, Roedean School, 60; Lord Johnston of Rockport, 77; Mr Raiph Kirshbaum, cellist, 46; Mr Stuart Mawson, oto-laryngologist, 74; Mr Patrick Moore, auronomer, 69; Mr Alan Silitoe, writer, 64; Mr Peter Skellera, composer and singer, 45; Sir Keith Stuart, chairman, Associated British Ports Holdings, 52.

North London Collegiate School

Old North Londoners are invited to the Association's ennual lunch and AGM on Sanarday, March 14. at 12.30pm which will be held at Canons. Presentations will be made to Miss Ann Golden and Miss Margaret Flemington and their former pupils are particu-larly invited. Tickets are £8.50 and details may be obtained from the School Office, telephone 081-

Lotte Minna Labowsky

Exhibitions: Lazy O'Conneil, North-empton High School, Abigail Vines. Clarifeid School,



Helena Newman, Impressionist and modern art expert at Sotheby's, with two items from a selection of ceramics by Pablo Picasso, a jug, "Visage au nez noir", left, and "Canarti pique-fleurs". Works by French, English and Russian artists with estimates ranging from £1,000 to £100,000 are featured in a sale of Impressionist and modern art at Sotheby's in London on March 25

Luncheons

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-reary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a luncheon held yes-terday at 1 Carlton Gardens in terday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Senor and Senora

Javier Pérez de Cuéller. Anglo-Austrian Society Sir William Clark, MP, Chairman of the Anglo-Austrian Sociman of the Anglo-Aistratic Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons in honour of Mr Terence C. Wood, Her Majeny's Ambassador Designate at Vienna, and Mrs Wood. Among those present

were:
Dr Werner Ehrlich (minister,
Austrian Embassy), Lord Campbell of Croy (president of the
society) and Lady Camphell, Sir
William and Lady Hayter, Sir
Michael Shaw, MP, and Lady
Shaw, Sir James Spicer, MP,
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Law Society
Mr Philip Ely, President of the
Law Society, was host at a
runcheon held yesterday at 60 Carey Street. The guests included: Mr Justice Ian Rennedy, Mr Rowan Brockhurn, Mr Charles King Farlow, Mr John Mansell, Mr John Pitts, Mr Richard Sax and Major-General D H D

Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors
Mr Ted Watts, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, yesterday entertained Mr. Bryan Gould, MP, at a luncheon at 12 Great George STUE.

Lecture

Commonwealth Jewish Council
Mr Martin Gilbert delivered the
1992 Commonwealth learne at
the London Hilton on Park Lane

Dinners

Parkin Clerks' Company
Prebendary A.R. Royall, Master
of the Parish Clerks' Company,
assisted by Mr L.L. Brace and Mr
L.R. Miller, Wardens, presided
at the annual ladler dimer held
last night at the Inner Temple.
The Rev G.L. Blacktop and Mrs
Rosemary Humphrays also
stocke.

Old Westminster Lawyers
The annual Shrove Tuesday din-ber of the Old Westminster Law-yers was held less night at the Garrick Club. Mr David

Summerscale, Head Master of Westminster School, was the guest of honour and Mr Anthony Marreco was in the chair.

BIRTHS: Anonio Vivaldi, com-poser, Venice, 1678; Sir Henry Rachum, postrait pairuer, Edin-burgh, 1756; Giovanni Schlapa-relli, astronocher, Savigliano.

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sie of the North", Houghton-le-Spring, 1583; Jean François Champollion, Egyptologist, Paris, 1832; Nikolsy Gogol, dramatist and novelist, Moscow, 1852; Wil-liam Willert, origidation of "day-light saving". Chisebrust, Kent, 1915; William Carlos Williams, physician and poet, Rutherford, New Jersey, 1963.

Henry VI was deposed by Edward, Duke of York (Edward IV), 1461: restored October 1470. The first meeting of Con-gress in New York, 1789. The Royal National Lifebour Institu-

Anniversaries

Italy, 1835.

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherfill gave a dinner at Speaker's House last night in honour of Mr Stefan guests and speakers at the annual dinner of the Institution of Chemical Engineers held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Dr David Harrison, president, pre-sided and conferred honorary fellowships on Str Chrismpher Harding and Mr Basil Buster. Sawor, Speaker of the Bulgarian National Assembly. The Bulgar-lan Ambassador and Mrs Stancioff were also present. The

Stancioff were also present. The other guests were:
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Mr Tony Banks, MP, and Mrs Banks, Mr James Couchman, MP and Mrs Couchman, Sir Paul Dean, MP, the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, MP, Sir Michael Marshall, MP, and Lady Marshall, Mr Peter Thurnhan, MP, Mr Robert Alexander, Mr George Cubie, the Very Rev Dr and Mrs David Edwards, Mr and Mrs George Gale, Miss Sarah Gillest, Mr Philip Grant, Mr Minko Nikolov, Mrs Stelka Regelous, Dr and Mrs Rouald Zeegen and Mr and Mrs Peter Kiteatt.

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Sir Bob Reid and the Right Rev

Latest wills

Lord Lurgan, of Pennington, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,822,582 net. He left his estate Mr Norman Gordon Wykes, of

Bridport, Dorset, a housemaster at Eton College 1944-60, left estate valued at £245,322 net. Allsey Lazarus, of Knightsbridge, London, left estate valued at 11,239,624 net libe left much of

her estate to the Jewish Welfare Board, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, British Council for Aid to Refugees, British Red Cross Society, Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, Arthritis and Rhammons Council, National Trust. Sue Ryder Roundation, Chestine Rounda-tion and Winged Fellowship Trust.

Appointments

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will give a reception for the winners of The Queen's Awards for Export and Technol ogy at Buckingham Palace at 6,00. The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Oversias

The Princess of Wales will attend the 1992 Children of Europe Awards Junction at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Princess Royal Trust for Cartis, will visit The Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, at 9.25; as a Member of the Court of the Combany of Woolnest will atmed a luminous for the Industry of Wool at Barber-Surgeons' Hall at 12.30; and, as Parron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend a gala evening at the Royal Academy of Art at 6.50. my of Art at 6.50.

Princess Alexandra will open the remotes Alexandra was open me new children's ward of the Taun-ino and Somernet General Hos-pital at noon; and will visit the Somerset County Regimental Museum, Taunson Castle, at

Downe House

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Balletion and Mhs L.R.N. George

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.E. Ballsdon, of Milan, Italy, and Isobel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kester George, of Harpsden, Henley-on-

MrTA. Bester and Miss LL. Garaba

The engagement is announced between Toby, son of the late Mr Jeremy Baxter and of Mrs Baxter. of Spring Grove Farm, Musicy, Buckinghamshire, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Garson, of Hill Pann, Elsfield,

Lichtenhut J.A. Clark and Miss C.M. Johnson

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The engagement is announced herwich Jonathan Clark. The Wordstershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29/45 Foot), only son of Mrs R.C. Smith. of Sysfiampton, Wordstershire, and Catharine, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs P.R.S. Johnson, of Coast Wildley Wordstershire,

Mr J.N.S. Cooper and Miss R.A. Lyons
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrt Divid Cooper, of Lanfilo, Powys, ithd Rachel, daughter of Mr anti-Mrs Thomas Lyons, of Chivaca, Effective 1154

Mir A.J. d'Amélium, and Mist J.F. Baddley.
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder soft of Mr and Mrs John d'Angibau, of Aldham, Essex, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Buckley, of Layer de la Haye, Essex.

Mr I.G. Donaldson and Mile A.C. Smert

The engagement is amounced between Gwyn, son of Mr and Mrs W. Donaldson, of Famhani, Surrey, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.G.T. Stuart, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Mr S.J.N. Gray and Miss F.J. Anderson The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs James Gray, of Eastbourne, and Fiona, daughter of Canon and Mrs Keith Anderson, of

Mr E. Hardy and Miss E.M. Tracy

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Charles A. Hardy, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Eileen, youngest daughter of Arpine Tracy, of Brussels and Michael Tracy, also of Brussels.

Mr P.E. Hunter-Jones and Mrs J.M. Kerr

The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Colone and Mrs H.E. Hunter-Jones, of Langham, Essex, and Julia. daughter of the late Captain Sir Aubrey St Clair-Ford and of Lady St Clair-Ford, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Mr DJ. Whitmore and Miss S.M. Corcoran

The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs John Whitmore, of Hartfield, Sussex, and Sibyla, elder daughter of Mr Desmond Corcoran, of Netherton, Hampshire, and Mrs Judith Reopel, of Pimlico, London.

Marriage Mt S.M. Laird

Mr S.M. Laird
and Mins G.R. Hamson
The marriage took place
on Saunday at St John's,
Periethorpe, of Mr Magnus
Laird, son of Mr and Mrs
Michael Laird, of Moray Place,
Edinburgh, to Miss Georgina
Hanson, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Richard Hanson, of Budby
Castle, Newark, Nottinghamshire. The Rev John Williams
officiated and the Rev Stephen

Hopkinson gave the address.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Martha Noel Paton.
Rosie Clarkson, Annahel Henderson and Christopher Hanson. Mr.
Simon Lund was best man. The reception was held at the home of the bride.

Archaeology

Ulster's neglected defences found

BY NORMAN HAMMOND

THE Elizabethan walls of Dutch, French and Mediter-Carrickfergus, one of the key fortress towns of Ulster, have been uncovered. Dated by coins and pottery, the walls survive more than two metres

high. Carricklergus, north of Belfast and controlling sea passage into Belfast Lough, is town's defences largely van-isked beneath later urban

explansion long ago. "We have successfully located the stone wall and large ditth; which surrounded

Carrickfergus in the sixteenth century, said Mr Rory O'Boyle. The wall is of basalt boul-

ders, and Mr O'Boyle hopes "that a considerable length of it has survived." The disch contained thousands of Elizabethan and later objects, including one of the finest collections of Portuguese pot-tery ever found in Ireland.

The extent of Ulster's trade is also attested by German.

ranean ceramics. Daily life is reflected by discarded buck-les, clothing, shoes, and moss — thought to have been used as lavatory paper, Mr O'Boyle said. Archaeologists in Hertfordshire are conducting a

two-month survey looking for pill boxes built in the county as a defence against invasion during the second world war More than 100 sites have

already been located. They will be recorded and a sample identified for long term protection.

New Bishop of **Bradford** named

The Right Rev Devid James Smith, Bishop Suffragan of Maidstone, has been nominated to the Bishoptic of Bradford, in succession to the Right Rev Rob-ert Kerr Williamson upon his translation to the See of South-wark. Bishop Smith is also Bishop to the Forces.

Sigh Form Scholarship: Listy Riveh, Northampton High School: Honorary Exhibitious Arms Davis and Todd Roschs, Oakham.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES BIRDO - A Service of Thankspiring for the life of Britis L. Build, OBE, forther Chairman of Monsanto pic.

Will be neld at Holy Thinly Brompton Road, London Sw7, on Monday March 1688 at 11.30 atn.

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JACKIE MUDIE

ball skills, and played in the

disappointing 2-0 Cup Final

defeat by Newcastle in 1951.

In the aftermath of that

defeat, Blackpool signed Er-

nie Taylor and for a time

Mudie found himself out of

the team until injuries, first to

Stanley Mortensen and then

to Allan Brown, let him back

in. Mudie moved to inside left

in Brown's place to score the

goal against Tottenham

which took Blackpool to

Wembley and the "Matthews Final", the unforgettable 4-3

victory over Bolton, Mudie

did not score, but his contri-

Just over a year later, as

Mortensen departed for Hull,

he settled in at centre-for-ward. On the surface, at only 5ft 6ins, with a slight build,

he did not seem equipped for

the position, but he was

strong and was a ready

goalscorer, shooting first time

and also claiming a surpris-ing number with headers. He

scored 22 goals as Blackpool finished second, their highest

ever league position, in 1955-

6. A year later he scored 32

league goals, plus four in their 6-2 FA Cup win over Fulham, both club records.

Scotland against Wales in

1956 to begin a career which

ended in the first round of the

1958 World Cup Finals. He

scored nine goals for his country, including three against Spain at Hampden

in the decisive World Cup

qualifying game. He joined Stoke for £8,000

in 1961. The club was strug-gling badly but he helped Matthews revive its fortunes,

contributing 32 goals in 89 games before finishing his

career at Port Vale. He leaves

his widow, Brenda, and two

Mudie made his debut for

bution was significant.

OBITUARIES

John Knight "Jackie"

Mudie, Blackpool, Stoke

and Scotland footballer,

died on March 2 aged 61.

He was born on April 10,

1930.

A MEMBER of the same

Blackpool team as the famous

Stanleys. Matthews and

Mortensen, Jackie Mudie

was an outstanding player in

his own right as an inside or

centre-forward. A complete

inside forward, he was decep-

tively strong and a good fin-

isher, scoring 156 goals in 353 games for Blackpool,

and earning 17 caps for

It is perhaps typical that this self-effacing man's most

important goal, in the closing

minutes of the 1953 FA Cup

semi-final against Tottenham

which took Blackpool through to Wembley for the famous "Matthews Final", is

remembered primarily as

Ramsey's mistake. That does

Blackpool, and Mudie, less

than credit. Ramsey underhit

a back pass, which was quick-

ly intercepted by Mudie who steered the ball past Ditchburn. The Blackpool

forward had been hirking

with intent. Jackie Mudie re-

vealed recently that Blackpool

had previously discussed

Ramsey's penchant for

knocking the ball back to the

goalkeeper and then moving

for the return to start an

attack. Mudie had been wait-

ing for most of the 90 minutes

for just such a move. The goal

said much about his instinct

for an opening.
In spite of the age differ-

ence Mudie was probably the

closest to Matthews of that

Blackpool team, preceding

him to Stoke and then briefly

becoming his assistant man-

ager at Port Vale. Matthews

joined Blackpool soon after

Mudie arrived in 1947 as a

16 year old from Lochee This-

An apprentice painter and

decorator. Mudie found him-

self painting a hotel owned by

Matthews, who insisted

Mudie was given a breakfast

on the hotel every morning.

and the friendship developed.

After National Service, when

he represented the RAF,

Mudie broke into the first

team in 1949-50, scoring

against Liverpool on his de-

but at 19 as an inside-for-

ward. He retained that

position, possibly his best as it employed his passing and

tle, a minor Dundee team.

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Elections

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following: Doctor of Science: Professor Klaus von Klitzing, a director of the Max Planck Institute, Stuttgart, and Nobel prize winner in physics: Professor J. Rodney

Quayle, FRS, retiring vice-chancellor.

Thesiger, explorer and writer, Dr Marjorie Reeves, historian and Doctor of Laws: Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury and formerly Bishop of Bath and

The university council is to confer honorary degrees on the DSc: Dr Maurice Brook, formerly

director of research (consumer products). Beecham Group; Professor Stanislav Mercuriev. Rector of St Petersburg

DTech: Mr David Jeffries, chairman, National Grid Company. DUniv: Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel. MUniv: Mrs Elsie Boff, formerly Mayor of Hillingdon.

PROFESSOR H. S. FERNS

Professor H. S. Ferns, professor of political science at Birmingham University from 1961 to 1981, died on February 19 aged 78. He was born in Calgary, Alberta, on December 16, 1913.

CROSSING the Atlantic from Canada to take up a scholarship at Trinity Coll-ege, Cambridge, Harry Ferns met a retired major of the Indian Army, who advised him not to wear his bowler hat-in Cambridge and converted him to the communist cause. So, besides pursuing his historial studies and securing a distinguished First, he spent much time at Cam-bridge recruiting other stu-dents from the empire to the same cause - though never in fact becoming a dues-paying member of the Commu-

nist Party himself.
The eldest son of a poultry farmer, Harry Ferns was educated in the provincial schools of Alberta and Manitoba before proceeding to the University of Manitoba; and then taking an MA at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Looking for wider fields in which to pursue his enthusiasm for historical studies, he obtained the scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, that indi-rectly introduced him to communism.

He returned to Canada in 1939 and was married in 1940. Although retaining left-wing sympathies at this time, he again abstained from joining the Party. By 1940 he had become a civil servant, working in the pri-vate office of Mackenzie King, the Liberal prime minister, and in the department of external affairs. Though he found much of the work trivial and boring, the period had great significance for him. First, he developed a deep interest in Mackenzle King; and secondly the manner of his deciding to leave after being told he was regarded as "disaffected red", made him vow never to work for any

After some university teaching in Manitoba, Ferns was offered an appointment to teach history at the naval college in British Columbia. But a short letter cancelled the appointment on the grounds that he was "not

government again.



further explanation, and the natural conclusion was that he had been blacklisted. So the Ferns family left Canada and returned to Cambridge. where Harry completed his PhD and pursued his other great academic interest —

His wider fame began with the publication in 1955 of The Age of Mackenzie King (written with Bernard Ostry). It was viewed with shock in Canada but was well accepted elsewhere. Harry Ferns's cooler view of King was derived from access to the archives, not from his earlier personal knowledge.

In 1950 he had obtained a post in the University of Birmingham and there he remained for the rest of his life. In 1961 he became prolessor and the first head of the department of political science. On this secure basis his intellectual and political ideas could flourish.

His major academic volume was Britain and Argentina in the Nineteenth Century published in 1960, and this established his eminence as a scholar in Latin

came his second life-long interest. But for the succeeding decade academic administra tion and academic politics claimed him. He had not only a department to build up, but, for a time, a faculty too.

Managing the process was not easy — plain conflict of interest was expressed, (as it often is in academic life) in terms of claims to superior eminence, national importance and so on. Some participants practised abrasive techniques to be used in later years in more exalted circles. Harry Ferns chose whom to back in the various contests, and stuck by them through and through. He could be conciliatory, but he could also be combative.

At the end of that troubled decade two affairs attracted attention beyond the campus. The department had invited Enoch Powell to speak; he then made his "rivers of blood" speech. After consulting the univerity authorities who declined to reassure him about the likelihood of violence, Harry Ferns thought it his duty to withdraw the invitation. Public outery fol-lowed; the 'invitation was

lance capacity, when the university refused to appoint a sociology lecturer, after unusual selection circumstances. These and one or two other incidents gave Ferns a reputation for being something of a spectacular academic warrior. But in general this was an occasional phenomenon. His own experiences in Canada had made him sensitive to the dangers of persecution. What changed was his perception of the direction of threat. By the 1970s he had be-

restored: and the speech (on

defence) took place without

disaster. Shortly afterwards he was involved, in a free-

come very ready to embrace the free-market philosophy. and in his later years he took part in the work of the Adam Smith Institute and similar think-tanks. He also become active in church affairs in Birmingham. But his greatest contribution to the future must be the original conception of an independent university, which in Britain meant one without state-funding. Though others built up the edifice, the University of Buckingham owes its existence to a gleam in the eye of Harry Ferns.

After his retirement in 1981 Harry Ferns and his wife Maureen enjoyed pleas-ant years in Edgbaston. He continued his university connection and remained particularly active in the promotion of Canadian studies. He was a proud family man, not only of the achievements of their four children, but of the grandchildren too, in all of whom he took a happy and continuing interest. His later year were affected by various disabilities — deafness, diabetes, and eye trouble. But he surmounted all these problems and was in good form until the end, his fascination as a raconteur unabated. Perhaps his story has lessons: he certainly thought so. In 1978 he published his father's blography Eighty five years in Canada, to record the events of an ordinary life; and in 1983, in Reading from Left to Right he recounted — in masteriy prose as always the circumstances of his political pilgrimage. Was there a consistency about Harry Ferns? Yes: he may have been a Marxist who became a Thatcherite, but he was al-

OSCAR BRONEER

Oscar T. Broneer, an archaeologist who discovered the Temple of Poseidon at Isthmia, died of heart failure at his home in Corinth on February 22 aged 97. He was born in Backebo, Sweden.

FRENCH and British ar-

chaeologists had been searching for the Temple of Poseidon at Isthmia, with its attendant theatre and stadium, for 70 years before Oscar Broneer uncovered the site in 1952. It was the last of four great Panhellenic shrines to be excavated. The others, at Delphi, Olympia and Nemea had long been known, but the exact location of the Temple of Poseidon, where Socrates and St Paul were known to have attended the Isthmian games, and where Nero had once played music to entertain the crowds, had remained a mystery.

The temple, built by the Corinthians, had been the site of games which were sec-ond only to the Olympics as a national celebration. Broncer chanced upon it almost by accident. He found a small ear-ring, in the shape of a lion's head and a loop of snakes, that had been unearthed by German soldiers

during the occupation of Greece in the second world war. Realising that this was no modern trinket, but an artifact from the fourth century BC, Broneer had found the vital clue which led to the detection of the temple site.

Educated at Augustana College, Illinois, and the University of California at Berkeley, Broneer worked on his first excavation in Greece as a student of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. In 1927 he joined the school as an instructor, later becoming a professor of ar-chaeology and finally acting director from 1940 to 1952.

From 1948 until his retirement he was professor of archaeology and classical languages and literature at the University of Chicago, while directing its excavations at Isthmia. He also held visiting professorships at the University of California at Los Angeles and Stanford University.

Broneer was also an honorary member of the International Olympic Committee In 1969 he was awarded the gold medal for distinguished archaeological achievement by the Archaeological Institute of America. He is survived by two sons.

APPRECIATION

H. C. Whalley-Tooker

I REMEMBER with pleasure the style of the law lec-tures of Dr Whalley-Tooker (obituary February 20), often interspersed with amusing anecdotes. One such was his account of ninteenth century hostility between the Masters of Trinity and St John's. The Master of Trinity wrote to "The Master, St John's College, near Trinity College, Cambridge". Back came the reply, to "The Master, Trinity College, opposite Matthews, Cambridge". (Matthews, now alas no more, was a celebrated food and drink emporium).

The cause of the hostility, we were informed, was the St John's contention that Trinity Chapel stood on land which properly belonged to St John's. In support of their

claim, John's pointed to the inscription, still to be seen from Trinity Street, on the outside of Trinity Chapel My house shall be called the

In about 1947 the College

PAMELA SCOTT

Pamela Violet Montagu Douglas Scott, Kenyan farmer, died on February 5, aged 75. She was born on July 7, 1916.

PAMELA Scott was a remarkable link between Kenya's patrician colonial past and the succeeding era of populist black nationalism. For half a century she was the formidable chatelaine of Deloraine, one of the historic houses of the former White Highlands, where she was known as one of the most public-spirited and resilient of the settlers determined to "stay on" enthusiastically after inde-pendence in 1963. While retaining her links with many of the grandest families of Britain, she formed strong and influential bonds with many emerging figures in post-colonial Kenya, including Jomo Kenyatta and the present president, Daniel Arap Moi. Her commitment to an independent Africa, often bluntly and sometimes humorously expressed, was exemplified by her generosity as a hostess and educator and by long service to the causes of agriculture, wildlife, history and

anthropology. Pam Scott was the daughter of Lord Francis Scott, youngest son of the 6th Duke of Buccleuch and 8th Duke of Queensberry, descendant of Charles !! through the unfortunate Duke of Monmouth. Her father was the elected leader of the European settlers during the decade following the pioneer Lord Delamere's death

in 1931. In childhood and youth, the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George VI and the present Queen Mother), the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) and the Gloucesters all stayed at Deloraine. where Pam Scott helped entertain them. Deloraine was one of the first two-storey country houses in Kenya, with wide verandahs on both floors, huge cedar beams supporting the ceilings, and a fine garden vivid with bougainvilles, poinsettia and an array of tropical plants and trees.

During the Man Man rebellion in the 1950s the colony's embattled governor, Sir Evelyn Baring (later Lord Howick) and his wife Molly, both of them cousins of Miss/Scott. spent many weekends at Deloraine. planning strategy and relaxing in the beauty of the Rift Valley. Malcolm MacDonald, Ramsay's son, the first British High Commissioner during the transition to independence, was another friend who sought her counsel.

She was thus brought up in the heart of the imperial British tradition, but her greatest love was for Africa and Kenya, no matter who was in charge.

Arriving by ship at Mombasa in 1920, when she was not quite four, she soon forged a lasting rapport with the country's indigenous in-habitants. Her first childhood dwelling was a straw-thatched mud hut, which served as home for a year until Deloraine was built in the foothills of the Great Rift Valley escaroment, north-west of Nakuru. Lions roared at night. Buffalo, rhinoceros, leopard and bongo roamed the forest fringing the farm. Many of the local tribesmen went almost naked, carrying spear and shield. It was a life of adventure and fun.

She hated boarding school in England, where she was sent aged to 5,000-plus and was one of the



London season even more. But when she was 18, her father, immersed in politics, made her manager of Deloraine's undeveloped 3,500 acres, which had been marginal grazing land for the Masai. She only occasionally left the farm or the country for the next 50 years, building dams and schools, laying scores of miles of pipelines and fencing. expanding her core herd of 17 cows to 1,700 mostly Ayrshire crossed with the sturdier though less productive humped Sahiwal cattle indigenous to Gujarat.

When she sold the farm in 1979 to a company backed by President Moi, she had widened her acreage 15, and hated "coming out" in the largest milk producers in the region. ·The few score of "squatters" hired in the 1920s from at least a dozen tribes from all parts of the country had become a fixed community of more than 1,000 souls. Her entire management and workforce was black. After the sale she continued to live on the farm at Deloraine until

She provided education loans and scholarships to more than a hundred village children. Those who benefited now include a bank manaper, a doctor, senior civil servants. and one of the country's leading

During the Mau Mau rebellion, she lived alone at Deloraine, guarded at night by a couple of spear-carrying Masai. She was never troubled. But it was after independence that she came into her own, becoming one of the first whites to take Kenyan citizenship and ex-panding her circle of friends to embrace all colours and walks of life.

Ducal "seasonal migrants" from the British shires, as she called them, would find themselves sipping tea - or gin and tonic - on her verandah with local politicians. priests, zoologists, writers, the village witch-doctor or the local Ndorobo hunter from the forest, clad in a skin of hyrax fur.

The warmth with which she was accepted by the new black establishment flowed largely from her goodwill to the new country and the total, sometimes breathtaking, honesty with which she spoke her mind. She never truckled to the new leaders, as many self-consciously progressive Europeans did, or pretended that cultural differences or corruption did not exist. She was loyal to her

past as well as to the new order. insisting that the colonists had done more good than harm but that Africans had a right to run their own country as they saw fit.

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She was particularly irritated by White Mischief, James Fox's racy account of the murder of Lord Erroll, because she feared its portrait of a small group of decadent, upperclass layabouts would be recorded in history as an accurate picture of settlers as a whole, who, in her view, had struggled courageously to build the backbone of a modern country out of nothing. On one occasion, while touring the harsh Baringo area, an accompanying British general's wife objected to the smell of a sick Tugen tribeswoman whom Miss Scott had picked up from the roadside to drive to hospital. "If you don"t like it, get out and walk yourself," she snapped. The complaint ceased.

For many years she was the sole white governor of Egerton College, the largest agricultural training institute in black Africa, now a fullfledged university. During one fund-raising event for her local school, President Moi summoned her to the podium and announced: This one looks white. But she is black at heart."

Small, rotund and fair-haired, with sharp features and piercing blue eyes, Pam Scott could disarm strangers with her sharp tongue and brusque manner born largely of great white Africans.

Her memoirs, A Nice Place to Live, were published last year. She never married.

shyness. But those who knew her will mark her down as one of Kenya's

Memorial service

members of the family.

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Corporation of London.

The Leader of Kensington and

house of prayer", but significantly omitting the remainder of the quotation "but ye have made it a den of thieves"! Timothy Duff I READ in today's obituary of

H.C. Whalley-Tooker that he was "universally known as W.T." To my generation of immediately post-war undergraduates he was known with great affection as The Whale. Boat Club acquired a new boat for the first eight which, with his delighted consent, was named "The Whaie". I think this anecdote says much about the man.

R. T. R. Jenkins

LIVES REMEMBERED

A COLLECTION of 180 obitmaries from the 900 or so published on this page during 1991 has been produced in book form, edited by David Heaton and John Higgins, nuder the title Lives Remembered.

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Leslie Hore-Belisha, later Lord Hore-Belisha (1893-1957), was a bold innovato ring his time as Minister of Transport and when it was reported that he was thinking of prohibiting cars from being parked in the streets of London there was a great deal of eyebrow-raising; it later turned out that his remarks

made at a dinner were somewhat exaggerated. MOTOR-CARS IN STREETS

One of the principal topics

of conversation at Westminster yesterday was the speech which Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Minister of Transport, made on the previous evening in which he announced his intention of considering the prohibition of the leaving of motorcars in streets in the London traffic area, except for the immediate purpose of taking up or setting down passengers at houses

or shops. Some of the evening papers suggested last night that the Minister of Transport had not intended to go quite so far and that there would be no objection to householders leaving their cars outside their own houses, provided that they did not cause an obstruction to other traffic. It is understood, however, that this more conciliatory attitude does not represent the views of the Minister of Transport and that, in fact, he is contemplating the total prohibition of all forms of parked motor traffic in London.

It is already evident that the proposal will be hotly resisted by members in all

parts of the House of Commons, who feel that such an action will be an irritating restriction on the rights of the subject - the more annoying because, in many districts, no congestion what so ever is caused by waiting motor-cars. It is generally recognised that Mr. Hore-Belisha can make out a good case for limiting the number of car parks in some of the quieter London thoroughfares, where the amenities are being largely destroyed, and that in a few of the shopping thoroughfares in Central London a severe restriction, if not the total prohibition, of the waiting motor-car is desirable. But the hope was expressed at the House of

Commons that the position of the traders in these areas would be carefully examined by the Government before any irrevocable decision is taken. Members hope that if restrictions of this kind are

to be imposed they will be applied equally to all car users, including Civil servants. In this connection there is a good deal of discussion concerning the fact that Civil servants are allowed to park their cars for indefinite periods both on the Horse Guards Parade and in King Charles Street, Whitehall, and that in neither case need lights be kept on. It is probable that the authorities will argue that neither of these areas comes within the definition of a public thoroughfare, in as much as they can both be closed to the public. But members are determined that if Mr. Hore-Belisha is allowed to throw his net over the carusing public no section of it must be allowed to escape.

University news

Cambridge Sir Roger Tomkys, British High Commissioner in Kenya, is to Doctor of Letters: Mr Wilfred become the new Master of Pembroke College in October. Sir Roger, aged 54, educated at Oxford, will take over from Lord educationalist. Adrian, the retiring master, for the new academic year.

Elections

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four years from October 1: Eric JeanMethoulan, Mc Parisi, PAD (Montreal);
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four years from October 1: Geoffrey
Dibayn Moggridge, BA, PhD; juntor
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years from Pebruary 22: Jeremy Francis
Green, BA (Oxon). Brand

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Dame Shelagh Roberts

The Prime Minister was repre-sented by the Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords at a memorial service for Dame Shelagh Roberts held yesterday at St Peter's, Eaton Square. The Rev D.B. Tillyer officiated. Lord Lane of Horsell and Mr Tom Webb. Managing Director of the London Tourist Board, read the lessons and Mr Edward

Heath, MP, said the bidding

prayer.
Mr Illryd Harrington, Sir Christopher Prout, QC, MEP. and Baroness Young gave ad-dresses. The Chairman of the Conservative Party was repre-sented by Sir John Cope, MP. The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter and the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea at-tended. Among others present

Mr and Mrs Brian Roberts and Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Roberts (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr David Roberts, Mr

Robert Roberts, Miss Sarah Louise Roberts, Miss Zoe Roberts, Mr Chris-topher Roberts, Mr Mark Roberts, Mr Peter Roberts, Mr Michael Roberts, Mr and Mrs Giyn Roberts and other members of the family.

Lady Fraser Klimorack.

Mr David Mellor, OC, MP. and Mrs Mellor, the Hon Archie Hamilton, MP. Mr Crive Landa and Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP. Sir Nicholas Scott, MP. Sir Sarney Hayhoe, MP. And Lady Hayboe, Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP. Mrs Norman Lamont, Lady Howe, the Hon Mrs Norman Lamont, Tady Howe, the Hon Mrs Johns, the Hon Mrs Hoosman (Cumbina Tourist Board), the Hon Robert On'twing and Sir Michael Craig-Cooper (Chelsea Conservative Association), Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Vanneck, Sir Malby Cruton.

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Lamont may delay poll tax bills

By Douglas Broom local government CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor may stop councils sending out poll tax bills until after an April 9 general election to remove the threat of the Conservatives losing votes because the charges are too high.

Senior civil servants have produced a paper setting out three options for next Tues-day's Budget, all of which would delay bills, to be sent out in the next three weeks, for at least a month. Ministers would argue that their principal aim was to ease the burden on charge payers but all three suggested measures would stop bills dropping through letterboxes days before an April election.

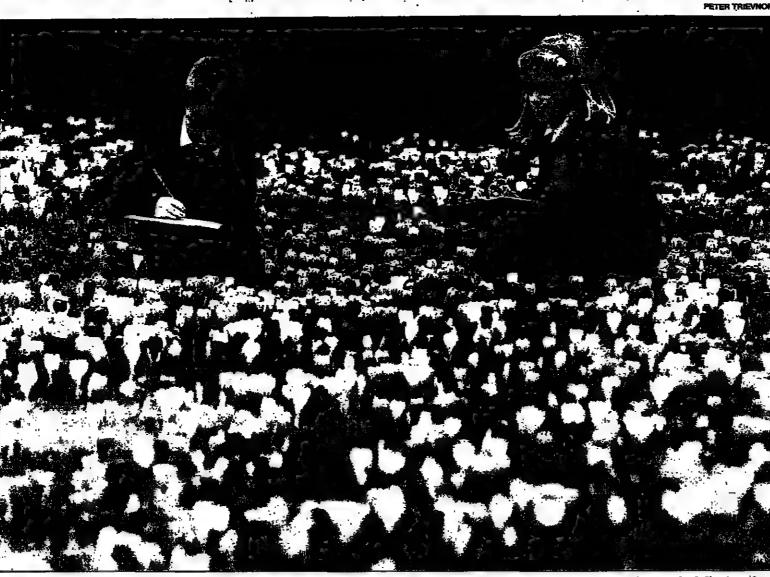
Michael Heseltine, environment secretary, is under-stood to have called for the paper last month. In January he said there was "no ques-tion" of any "fix" to delay

The three options include a repeat of last year's across-the-board reduction in poll tax bills and alterations to two schemes to help individuals and areas hardest hit by the change from rates to poll tax. Whitehall sources last night played down the option of repeating last year's £140-a-head cut in bills which was achieved by adding 2.5 per cent to value added tax.

The most likely option is a change to the community charge reduction scheme which helps those people whose domestic tax bills rose the most with the switch to the poll tax. At present the scheme mostly benefits people in the North and Mid-lands where rateable values were lowest. These are also areas with many Tory mar-

For less than £100 million. a tenth of the estimated cost of a £30-a-head across-theboard cut in poll tax, the government could give more help to charge payers in marginals while at the same time delaying all bills because councils would need new computer software to deal with the change.

A third option is to slow safety net designed to cushion the impact of the poll tax on areas with low rateable values. The grant is due to be withdrawn in April adding up to £25 a head to poll tax bills in many of the most marginal seats held by the



Flower children: Sarajane Shrub and Richard Puttman, both aged eight, taking more than an academic interest in a packed display of crocuses at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, west London, yesterday. Both children are pupils at Hermitage Middle School, Woking

Snared Clarke licks his wounds

plained to Margaret Thatcher, after a severe handbagging over a Lord's defeat, that he was poweriess: "After 7pm they all go off to White's and I can't get them

Subsequently, a new res-taurant, the Barry room, was opened in the Lords to offer a counter-attraction On Monday night, it failed. In the votes before 7pm, the Tory whips were enjoying the

support of more than 100

peers rallying to a two-line whip. The first of the two defeats, at 9.11pm, saw only 67 peers trooping into the government's lobby, as against 96 for the opposition. Had the government whips known what was up, they might have made a better fist of keeping their troops on guard. But the opposition, prepared its ambush subtly. Both Labour and Liberal neers were warned in advance to come in for the crucial votes at 9pm - but not to tell anyone they were doing so.

Celia Thomas, unofficial manager of the 60 Liberal

Democrat peers, distributed wine to her supporters in her office until the division bells

While they did not actually hide in cupboards, the "ambushers" maintained a low profile around the palace for fear of tipping off the Tory whips. Some left around 7pm and confounded the government by returning later.

This time, nobody repeated the error made by one Labour peer in a similar attempt last



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By Philip Howard

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party reception in the Lords to mark Lord Callaghan's 80th birthday, he exclaimed to the assembled throng: What time is the ambush? These tactics clinched suc-

cess. But the truth is that they would have availed for nothing had it not been for the failure of the government to convince the Lords of its case. There are 455 Tory peers in

the Lords, a net increase of 35 since 1979. Labour boasts only 116 peers, a net fall of 27. Many Labour and Liberal Democrat peers are in their 80s and 90s and rarely appear at the house.

Against this weight of Anumbers, the opposition has a chance only if it unites against the government and attracts the support of nonpartisan crossbench "peers. lose if it fails to enthuse its

own supporters.
The unity of the opposition was ensured by the co-operation of two experienced whips, the affable Lord Graham of Edmonton, a former Co-op-sponsored MP for Labour, and Lord Tordoff of

the Liberal Democrats. By contrast, the Tory whip, Lord Hesketh, is relatively inexpe-rienced, having only recently succeeded the legendary Lord "Restie" Dephare

"Bertie" Denham. Lady Blatch, handling the bill for the Tories, thought she had headed off defeat with minor concessions on the bill. In fact, she merely reinforced the complacency of her whips, who were confident that its opponents had been appease

Even this would not have mattered had the notion that schools should appoint their own inspectors been convincing. But to many peers it sounded rather akin to suggesting that battemen choose their own umpires.

Since the proposal was not included in the government's election manifesto, Tory pears did not feel obliged to back it. nor the opposition inhibited in fighting it.
Other than the payroll vote
of ministers and others, fewer

than 40 other Tory peers were still in the Palace of Westminster by 9pm. The ambush was ripe for springing.

Clarke's new deal, page 2

Political sketch

That awkward age for soldiers

Young Julian Brazier, the Tory MP for Canterbury, yesterday broached the awkward question of homosexuality

in the army.

Mr Brazier, who rose in the TA to the rank of captain, is described in Roth's Parliamentary Profiles as "new young rightwinger, heavy on defence, economics, and law and order, in-cluding selective return of capital punishment. Anti: Soviets, Channel Tunnel (initially), and abortion." The tunnel being virtual-

fait accompli, and the oviets a dead parrot, this MP was perhaps running short of things to be against. Yesterday he recti-fied the situation. Captain Brazier is against pansies

in the army.

He chose to amounce this when MPs were debating the age of consent. The Tories think it should be 16 but many Labour MPs fayour 18 or 21 ... Consent, that is, to join the army. Labour's Dennis Camavan (Falkirk W) challenged the defence secretary, Tom King, to justify taking army recruits at 16 or less.

Canavan implied that you could not expect a 16 year old to make a mature decision binding him to military service. Replying, Mr King said many who fought in the Gulf would

Flight 585

still baffles

the experts

precipitated the yaw and dive. After rebuilding the tall as-sembly from the debris, the

investigators confirmed re-

ports from previous crews

that the aircraft had suffered

from a rudder malfunction, but said the condition could

not have caused such a violent

The experts are revisiting the crash site again this week, exploring the possibility of a "hydraulic jump", a strong updraft on the lee side of

mountains similar to the ef-

fect in rivers when fast-mov-

ing water flows over a large

rock. Supercomputers at the

National Centre for Atmo-

spheric Research in Boulder

Colorado are being used to create a model of airflow at Colorado springs in the hope

of finding some freak condi-tion. The NTSB does point

out that the most modern

type of flight recorder, not installed in the jet which

crashed, would give a wealth of additional data to enable

them to detect a cause.

Continued from page 1 .

Two opinions: each greeted by an approving growl from its sponsors. The Left who (were homosexual consent being discussed) argue that we are adults at 16 that we are adults at 16, growled that, for military service, we were not adults

This may be because they approve of homosexuality but not of war.

The Right who (were homosexuality the subject) would argue that a 16 year old is too young to choose, growled that, if the choice is to join the army, we are its at 16.

armits at 10.

This may be because they approve of war but not homosexuality.

On this, then, MPs of left

and right agree we are old enough at 16 to choose the things they approve of, but not the things they don't. A cautious chap would at-tach himself to one or the other half of that disjunction, and leave it there: but Mr Brazier was bolder. Joining up at 16, he thought was (a) right; and (b) a reason for prohibiting homosexuality in the army.
"Many parents would have been very reluctant to yesterday to convey to us concern lest recruits to the Parachute Regiment be ob-liged to train "in Lichfield" with other recruits "of both

allow their sons to join if homosexuality had been

allowed among those who

were to train them," he

fears lest our sons, having

freely chosen to meet Iraqi

gunfire, may meet some

thing far worse: a woofter. I

must go to Canterbury and see how widespread this fear is in Kent.

whence Sir James Spicer, a

retired major, hastened

. And to Dorset West,

You can see his point. He

Whether it is Lichfield, or women, or the combination of both, which Sir James fears may particularly wreck parachute training. we were not told.

we were not told.

I have tried parachuting and cannot remember anything which would absolutely rule out the presence of women, so I hoped the major might explain. But he sat down. Apparently the folly of mixed-ex parachuting was self-evident.

Heaven knows what Sir

Heaven knows what Sir James would think of parachuting woofters. He would probably explode at the very thought. I began to daydream, picturing Cap-tain Brazier's and Major Spicer's personal vision of helf: Salisbury Plain, with homosexuals, soldiers, and women in uniforms, para-chuting in giorious confu-sion, out of a clear sky.

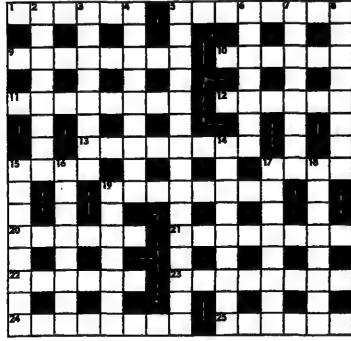
Lancashire woman Arccently told me her MP was "a waste of skin". The expression was new to me. I enquired of the ever-helpful information Bu-rean just how much skin that might be. Apparently the external skin area of a normal human is about 17 square feet. Your averagely ell-fed Tory would need about 20 square feet for complete cover. Internally, including the lungs, there is an incredible 2,000 square

So in a full Parliament there is approximately 333 acres of skin. This is half as large again as Clapham Common. You could construct four thousand Bedouin tents from it and shelter a whole tribe. You could build the Palace of Versailles on such a plot, and surround it with gardens and trees. There are er these might not be preferable projects.

MATTHEW PARRIS

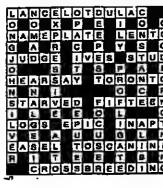
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- 1 State doctor with first class return to W African republic (6).
- 5 First novel (8). contraction of meaning (8).
- 10 Plant disease covering most of England (6). 11 We hear the female attendant is
- 12 Military entertainment containing untidy item and...(6).
- 13 ... frivolous burlesque version of 15 Married? He's desperate to be-
- come engaged! (4). 17 The Alchemist's remedy (4). 19 Liberal assembly by the end of the day is in a weary way (8).
- 20 Recurring error I introduced is being discovered (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,856



21 Butcher wants one to cut joints

22 O'Neill's cold caller (6). 23 What fun to press a flower! (8). 24 Lean without being limp (8).

25 Old sampler in a royal dining

- Responsive to expert supporting petitioner's final plea (8).
- Oatmeal perhaps makes us flour-
- 4 It's true about getting the wind up concerning pensions (9). Rows near the stage when the band plays for time (9,6).
- 6 Old heavyweight champion who got stoned (7). 7 Turned up musical information
- for film (8). 8 This coastal region sounds dull
- 14 Silk producer located on the outskirts of London town (9).
- 15 Mound supporting breakwater liable to enlargement (8). 16 Put stopper on squash (8).
- 17 The appropriate treatment to put someone under (8).
- 18 A rook when fully grown coils round this (8). 19 Braw lad improvising with piercing instrument (7).
 - Concise Crossword, page 11 Life & Times section

Much of England and Wales will be dry after a misty start in places. Southern and eastern England will be sunny. Cumbria and North Wales will stay mainly cloudy. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be wet with heavy rain at times and it will be windy. Northeast Scotland will be cloudy, but southeastern parts will be mainly dry. Outlook: Rain spreading southeast tomorrow.

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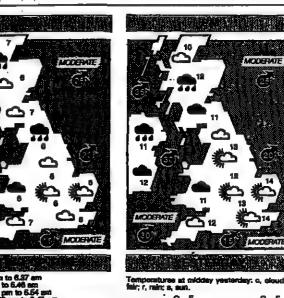
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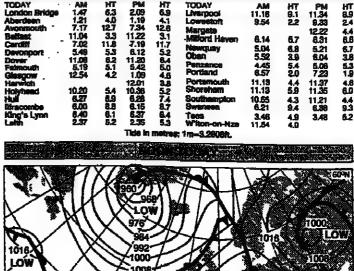
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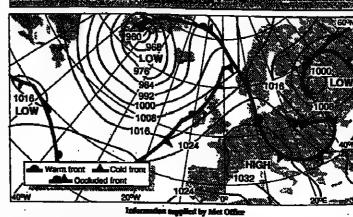
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Boeing has outlined plans for a new generation of "super-jumbos" to take over from the 747 jet by the year 2000 Page 19

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The creation of Britain's biggest trade union should move closer today after a vote on a report to merge three public service

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Alcatel Aisthom is buying the remaining 30 per cent of the world's biggest telecom equipment maker from ITT of America Page 19

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Lower taxes and a lighter government burden on business are urged by the Institute of Directors

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Profits rise to £618 million but bad debt provisions are trebled

Abbey confident that worst of recession is over

By Jonathan Prynn

ain's second-biggest mortgage lender and its second most profitable bank, has said that the worst of the recession is over and expects the property market to "get progressively bet-ter" during the rest of this

The upbeat statement con-trasted with last week's gloomy forecasts for the econonly from the clearing banks.

Abbey yesterday an-nounced a 6 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to £618 million for the year to the end of December after trebled bad debt provisions of £155 million, and a 10.5 per cent increase in the dividend

to 10.5p.

The final divided payment was 7p compared with 6.35p. The figures were in line with market expectations but the shares shed 11p to 292p on profit taking.

Abbey said that "encourag-

ing signs" in the figures for mortgage payment arrears pointed to a recovery in the level of activity in the housing

The number of Abbey National accounts that were between three and five months in arrears fell from a peak of 40,000 in the summer to 35,000 at the year end. Accounts that were six months or more in arrears totalled 24,419, or 1.75 per cent of total mortgage accounts. This compares with an industry

FINANCIAL EDITOR

LOSSES at General Acci-

dent, the composite insur-

Nelson Robertson, chief general manager, said GA, which is based in Perth, ex-

pected a much lower loss this

year and would not rule out a

return to profit. GA shares

reset 19p to 456p.

The group's British underwriting losses increased from £231 million to £342 million, of a group total of £569 million, although the domestic

lion, although the domestic

account brings in only 36 per cent of premiums. These in-

cluded (46 million from the

group's 4 per cent share of the

mortgage indemnity market. GA has lost part of its share

of the British insurance mar-ket because of its drive to raise

premiums and stem losses. Worldwide, non-life premi-

urns rose 5.7 per cent to £3.22

ABBEY National, Brit-rose from 5.829 to 8,871 with little improvement expected in the current year. Repossessions in the second half were 400 below the figure for the first six months.

Abbey said that the interest rate reductions of this and last year, the government's payment of mortgage benefit direct to lenders, and the temporary concession on stamp duty will all help the housing market."

The profits were struck after bad debt provisions of £155 million (£55 million), of which £100 million related to United Kingdom mortgage lending, £17 million to overseas residential lending, £10 million to non-residential property lending, and £28 million to unsecured personal

John Bayliss, the managing director, said that the relatively low level of provisioning reflected Abbey's decision to sacrifice market share in the 1987 to 1988 period "because we saw the market was

overheating".
Mr Bayliss added that "the board is determined to maintain the quality of lending almost regardless of market share in the short term". Abbey's market share of net mortgage lending fell from 14.3 per cent to 13.8 per cent last year. Net interest income rose by

20 per cent from £956 million to £1.14 billion and group assets grew by 23 per cent to £57.4 billion. The United average of 2.8 per cent. Kingdom retail margin rose from 1.8 per cent to 1.91 per Kingdom retail margin rose

Losses mount at GA

Robertson: hopeful

billion but UK premiums fell

marginally to £1.17 billion, despite rate increases averag-

ing a quarter in motor premi-

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rises in household premiums.

Motor premiums fell 5.6 per

Mr Robertson said GA had

committed itself more than

year ago to raising premiums to economic levels, if neces-

sary at the expense of market:

sary at the expense of market share. Frequency of motor claims had started falling, against market trend, he added. Market share was stabilising and GA hoped to win back business now other

groups had followed its lead

cent to £374 million.

cent after an increased deferral of interest on some mortgage accounts in arrears of £45 million compared with £8 million.

The overall group margin fell from 2.28 per cent to 2.2 per cent because of an ining a narrower margin. Profits from Abbey's treasury operations were 662 million and assets managed by the treasury rose from £10 billion to £16 billion.

The estate agency opera-tions recorded a loss of £19 million, compared with £20 million after £3 million of restructuring charges, de-spite a 2 per cent increase in house sale volumes and an increase in commission rates. Abbey National Homes, the property subsidiary, made a loss before tax of £24 million.

The group's capital ratios remained strong with a total risk to asset ratio of 10.8 per cent. Tier 1 capital of 11.4 per cent and Tier 2 capital at 23 per cent of Tier 1.

Operating expenses increased by 25 per cent to £635 million and capital expenditure rose from £136 million to £209 million, of which the bulk was spent on the UK retail network. The operating expenses include an exceptional item of £6 million for the expected contribution to the deposit protection fund after the BCCI scandal. The group's operating expenses to net operating income ratio

in raising premiums.

GA is also continuing to cut

costs. Last year, it shed 1,100

jobs, 14 per cent of its insur-

ance workforce. A net 800

osses in Britain were con-

tained at a similar rate to the

previous two quarters even though the winter period is

usually by far the worst.



Catching the habit: Sir Christopher Tugendhat (left) and Abbey chief executive Peter Birch yesterday

Inspectors investigate Spanish ` bank deals

FROM EDWARD OWEN

SPANISH government in-spectors yesterday started to monitor all dealings of Banco Ibercorp here after the Bank of Spain steepped in when the deadline persod for its cale deadline passed for its sale. Mariano Rubio, governor of the Bank of Spain, has

failed to find a buyer for the banking branch of the trou-bled Ibercorp investment group, with which he has A month ago Manuel de la Concha, the president of Ibercorp, who has handled

Seños Rubio's investment porsfolio for 25 years, started to look for a buyer for his bank. But so many questions were raised that the Madrid stock exchange is investigat-

ing the group for serious irregularities.

The Bank of Spain announced on Monday night that it had intervened over

After being turned down by four of Spain's leading banks, final efforts by José Luis Varez, president of Banco Inversion, failed to acquire Banco Ibercorp for a symbolic peseta a share.

The Ibercorp Group was founded by Señor de la Concha, a former head of the Losses from the group's entate agencies fell £5 million to £18 million. Life profits rose Madrid stock exchange. Last year Señor de la Concha and his partner, Jaime Soto, val-ued their group at 10 billion pesetas (£55 million) but inde-2 million to £27 million after development losses abroad. Gross investment income rose 4.4 per cent but net investment income grew 10 pendent audits have detected per cent thanks to lower borrowings. massive losses and the switching of funds through a maze Net asset value was 316p of companies. Señor Rubio's (330p) last year but has since resignation over the Ibercomp affair was refused a fortnight recovered to 328p, due to rising investment values, The ago, but now the opposition solvency margin is 42.8 per parties in parliament are demanding an all-party inrestigation into the collapse

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BAe wins £570m order for air-to-air missiles

BY MUCHAEL EVANS and ROSS TIEMAN

THE government has awarded a £570 million order to British Aerospace for a new air-to-air missile, lifting the threat of 1,000 redundancies and opening up a £5 billion export market over 20 years.

The contract, to complete development and supply 1,000 of the advanced shortrange air-to-air missile (Asraam), will also secure Britain's lead guided weap-

ons technology.

Asraam will replace the
American Sidewinder missile, in service in various forms for 30 years. The weapon is intended for the Harrier jump jet and the European fighter aircraft (BFA) now being developed by Britain, Germany, Spain and Italy, which is scheduled to enter

service early next century.

The decision, announced yesterday by Tom King, the defence secretary, means that the government has handed

worth £2 billion this year. He said: "This new missile will provide a vital enhancement to our air defence capability in the future." The decision ends 12 years

of uncertainty over development of the missile which was supposed to be in service with the RAF by 1994. Delivery will be in the late Nineties. The Asraam project began in October 1979 when feasi-

bility studies were carried out by Britain, Germany, Nor-way and Canada. However, all three of Britain's partners dropped out more than two years ago. The defence ministry launched a new competition for the missile after MPs on the Commons defence committee criticised the programme. BAe teamed up with Hughes Aircraft, the American firm, and submitted a final offer to the minis-

try on January 29. The rivals for the contract and Bodenseewerk Geratetechnik (BGT) of Germany.

The new missile will be 80 per cent built in Britain, with the work carried out at British Aerospace plants in Steve-nage, Hertfordshire, Lostock in Lancashire and at the Hughes factory in Glenrothes, Fife. Other companies to benefit will be Royal Ordnance at Kidderminster, Thorn EMI at Feitham and Lucas at Bradford.

David Laybourn, managics division, said: "Asream will provide a firm foundation for dynamics for the foresecable future." The company expects the order to open up world markets, with potential contracts for about 30,000 missiles, worth at least £5 billion. The biggest market is likely to be America. BAe has an agreement with Hughes which allows it to build the missile in America if the American defense depart-

jobs are likely to go this year, ance group, increased from were GEC-Marconi partout orders and potential ormostly from non-replace-E121 million to £172 million ders for military equipment nered by Marra of France, ment places an order. ment, exceeding the group's before tax last year but the Banco Ibercorp to protect its dividend is to stay at 26.75p a share. There was also an imoriginal two-year target of creditors when negotiations, headed by Señor Rubio, colatting 20 per cent. In the fourth quarter, the group's £39 million pre-tax proving trend in its underwriting and better results AN AFFORDABLE loss was down £12 million on from most overseas business, a year earlier. Underwriting though not in America.

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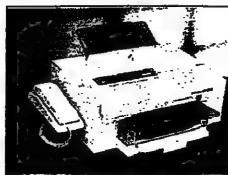


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Urging more funds for Airbus will upset America EC grounds its own airline report

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

A REPORT on the financing of the Airbus consortium ordered from an independent consultant by the European Commission has been suppressed because its findings are deeply embar-rassing at a time when Gatt negotiations and trade relations with America

are at their most sensitive. The report, ordered by the commis-sion's internal market and industry directorate and produced by Arthur D Little, the London consultant, recommends the EC should do just what it claims not to - pump billions of dollars into the civil aviation industry by means of research and development packages. Ironically a different commission department, external relations, independently ordered a report on American financing of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas before Christmas that revealed that America has provided up to \$41.5 billion in support to its civilian aircraft sector over the past 15 years. But in a

splendid example of the internecine

wrangling between rival departments, Martin Bangemann, internal market commissioner, then allowed Arthur D Little to reveal that EC governments involved in Airbus are busy subsidising the consortium and to recommend that they go on doing so.

An industry expert who has seen a copy of the report said: "It's all caught up in this pedantic legal argument at the moment that tries to prevent any written admission that subsidies exist in Europe." He doubted the report would ever see the light of day, although a high-ranking internal mariest official recently claimed in an airline industry newsletter that an "executive summary" of the Little survey will be made avail-able. "I'll believe it when I see it," the industry source added. The commission, which represents Britain, Germany, France and Spain in the Airbus case, has been at loggerheads with America for years over the civil aviation

industry issue. A special panel at Gatt in Geneva has been set up to look at the case, and the last thing the commission wants at the French industries from competition.

Last year, America's commerce de-

The report is likely to fuel internal debate in the Community at a time when Jacques Delors, the commission president, is calling for increased R&D spending, a cause Britain and its freemarket sympathisers are wary of lest it become an excuse to protect backward

the same thing

moment is written evidence that would considerably strengthen the American

partment said the four EC governments had pumped \$25.9 billion of aid into Airbus since the Toulouse-based consortium was launched two decades ago. The alternative study of the American subsidies machine was made for the EC by Arnold & Porter, a Washington law firm. From the Boeing 707 through to the supersonic and hypersonic planes of the future. US agencies have supported each technological breakthrough, often through crossover benefits of military technology for civilian purposes," it said. Unfortunately the new report now recommends that the EC does exactly

Reserves increase by \$181 m

BY GRAHAM SEARIKANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE lack of any pressure on allowed an underlying recovery of \$181 million in Britain's official gold and foreign exchange reserves in February, compared with a \$336 uillion fall in January. Of the increase, \$51 million was from the final proceeds of power privatisation.

Actual reserves rose by \$169 million to \$44.8 billion and there were no other special factors.

During the month, there were foreign currency pro-ceeds of \$1.17 billion from the issue of ecu-demoninated Treasury bills but these merely offset a like total of maturing bills. A further \$11 million repayments of borrow ings under the public sector exchange cover scheme are excluded from the underlying

The government has been able to recoup reserves be-cause the rise of the dollar against the mark took pres-

sure off sterling.

The pound remains the weakest currency in the European exchange-rate mechanism. The peseta is 5.9 per cent above sterling in the

Hays chief sees opportunities

RONNIE Frost, the chair-man and chief executive of Hays, the business services group, says businesses will suffer more pain before the recession ends. But he believes that 1992 will present opportunities for Hays to make acquisitions at sensible

The group made pre-tax profits for the six months to end December of £26.8 million, down from £27.5 million. Turnover was £341 million compared with £342 million and earnings per share were static at 4.7p. The interim dividend rose 15 per



Head for business: Peter Morgan, of the IoD, which is seeking radical change in the role of government

Directors call for a market department to replace DTI

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Institute of Directors has called for a reorganisation of government departments dealing with business to make them more respongive to the needs of companies and individuals.

The Department of Trade and Industry should be replaced by a department for the market, while a human resources department should be created to take over the work of the employment and education departments, the institute said. The recommendations are contained in the institute's policy "shopping list" for whichever political party wins the general election. The document, Forward to Prosperity, was pub-

Other pleas include the elimination of income tax. inheritance tax and capital gains tax, and an extension of privatisation to include the British Waterways Board and

the motorways.

The document renews the commitment of institute leaders to press for markets to be liberalised to the very limit of practicality.

Business needs a govern-ment committed to "a stable currency, the elimination of inflation and lower taxes to enable the market to deliver wealth creation and sustainable growth," the institute

Peter Morgan, the insti-tute's director general, said: "The growth of a successful economy will be directly de-termined by the framework the government creates for markets to operate freely and for individuals to realise their full potential."

Further overhaul of government departments dealing with business is at the top of

definition of the DTT's role is required," the institute says in its report.

The company directors' organisation wants a market department to be charged with responsibility to: ☐ Promote access by potential producers to domestic and foreign markets.

☐ Scrutinise government policies and other departments to ensure minimum damage to business ☐ Oversee internal regulation of UK markets.

The institute's proposal to combine the education and employment departments in a human resources department would bring responsi-bility for all aspects of education and training under the roof of one department with a very large budget.

in order to maximise the number of people attaining higher education and winning access to training and education both before and during employment, the insti-

une adds. A new department is also needed to encourage flexibili-ty of labour and wider access to employment, while encouraging a system in which more people have a financial stake in the business they work for, the report says.

In addition, the institute is keen to see closer links between funding for schools and the quality of education they provide.

It suggests the training and enterprise councils (Tecs), which have been set up to oversee instruction in skills needed by companies, should be given greater autonomy.

Those councils should also be allocated budgets over a longer time span, to help their managers with their planning, the institute said.

Problems from new offshoot slow Pifco

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

PIPCO Holdings, the electrical goods manufacturer, saw profits before tax drop by more than two thirds in the

The downturn was mostly because of problems that arose following the acquisi-tion of Russell Hobbs Tower in April 1991. In the six months to end-October, profits before tax fell from £1.81 million to just £577,000.

Turnover rose from £12.9 million to £21.8 million and earnings fell from 16p to 5.7p. The interim dividend has been held at 3.5p.

Michael Webber, Pifco's chairman, said that in the 28 months before Pifco acquired it, Russell Hobbs Tower lost more than £30 million. The integration programme was not helped by a downturn in consumer spending. He said that in the first half

the group encountered "two sizeable problems" on quality and production relating to Russell Hobbs of masters and

a new jug kettle.

While the group has now solved the problems, Mr Webber says: "Not all RHT's customers have been patient and understanding during this period and we anticipate this view will have an impact on sales volumes in the short

In the UK the recession affected sales, but exports had a good first half. The core Pifco Salton Carmen business experienced a difficult six months, producing reduced turnover and profit due to the poor summer weather of 1991, which meant lower sales of Pifco fans. The Carmen haircare and personal care business was down due to soft consumer demand.

Mr Webber said that while there was still a great deal of work to be done at Russel Hobbs Tower, the subsidiary was close to breakeven.

But it would take an upturn in the economy before the full benefits of the takeover deal came through. The shares rose 2p to 313p.

BUSINESS ROUND UP

Accounting watchdog in 'goodwill' initiative

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THE Accounting Standards Board is attempting to find ways of allowing companies to incorporate goodwill that has been purchased into their balance sheets permanently, unless its value has diminished. David Tweedie, the chairman of the Accounting Standards Board, said that companies would undoubtedly prefer this treatment to writing off goodwill on acquisitions instantly or over a

Speaking at a seminar organised by Smith New Court, the securities house, Mr Tweedie said there were legal problems as well as difficulties in assessing when the value of goodwill had fallen. "Research is at present being carried out to ascertain whether the legal obstacles can be overcome and, if so, what reliable tests could be employed to assess diminution of value," he said.

Serco aviation venture

SERCO, the international task management contractor, said it was negotiating the possible acquisition of Internat-ional Aeradio, British Telecom's aviation services subsidiary. The company, which raised £9.6 million through a rights issue in November, said the acquisition would not require further funding from shareholders. Serco increased pre-tax profits from £4.3 million to £5.2 million in 1991 and lifted earnings from an adjusted 26.1p a share to 30.2p. A final dividend of 8p makes 11.9p for the year, up from 10.6p.

AAF rises to £3.9m

AAF Investment Corporation, the industrial holding company 65 per cent controlled by South Africa's W&A Investment, is paying an unchanged dividend of 11p a share for 1991 despite increased profits of £3.97 million before tax for the year, against £3.57 million in 1990. Earnings rose from 20.43p a share to 21.37p. The final dividend is held at 6p a share. The total payment includes a special dividend of 0.5p (1p), paid in respect of cash deposits. The proposed sale and leaseback of an AWI site in Kent will raise E5 million.

Edinburgh Oil buys

EDINBURGH OIL & Gas, the USM-quoted exploration EDINBURGH Oil & Gas, the USM-quoted exploration and production company, is acquiring Elf UK's onshore interests for an undisclosed sum. The assets include 67.5 per cent of the Crosby Warren field and 10 per cent of the Brockham oil discovery. After the acquisition, Edinburgh will own 100 per cent of Crosby Warren, which produces 125 barrels of oil per day (bpd) and 100 million cubic feet of gas. The interest in Brockham rises from 9 to 19 per cent. The company's net production will rise above 300 bpd.

Platignum seeks £1.5m

PLATIGNUM, the stationery products and furniture maker, is raising £1.5 million through a share placing and open offer to take advantage of acquisition opportunities. investors are being offered one new share for every five held at 4p each, against yesterday's opening price of 4 p. There is no profit forecast, but shareholders are promised an interim dividend of 0.25p, subject to approval of capital reorganisation, for the half year ending in September. In the last full financial year Platignum lost £1.3 million before tax.



General Accident

Dividend unchanged after difficult year

1991: RES	ULTS	
	Year to 31.12.91 unaudited £m	Year to 31.12.90 audited £m
General Premiums	3,219.0	3,045.8
General Underwriting Loss	(569.1)	(461.7)
Loss before Taxation	(171.6)	(121.3)
Loss attributable to Shareholders	(139.4)	(93.2)
Earnings per Share	(32.1p)	(21.7p)
Dividend per Share	26.75p	26.75p
Net Assets per Share	316p	330p

- UK results suffered from recession and crime related losses but all major classes of business reported reduced losses in the fourth quarter.
- There were strong performances in many overseas territories, including Canada, the Pacific and Europe.
- Further good progress was made in Life business.
- Net investment income rose by 10.5%.
- Group is well placed to take advantage of any economic

Subject to approval at the ACM on 24th April 1942, a final dividend for 1991 of 17 05p per share (1990; 17 05p) will be paid on 1st July 1942 to shareholders registered on 8th May 1992. The total dividend for 1991 of 26,75p per share (1990; 26,75p) will cost £116-4m (1990; £115.8m). As un past occasions the directors propose to offer a scrip

This announcement does not constitute the audited group accounts for 1991. Copies of the statutory group accounts, which have not yet been reported on by the auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on oth April 1992. The statutory group accounts for 1990 have been audited without qualification and filed with the Registrar of Companies. Details of a new Corporate PEP facility and share dealing service will be sent to shareholders along with the 1991 Report & Accounts on 6th April 1992. Shareholders wishing to invest in the PEP in the current tax year may obtain a brochure from the Company Secretary at the undernoted address.

General Accident plc

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NI starts power sell-off
SALE contracts have been ing the oil-fixed Ballylumford

signed for Northern Ireland's plant near Larne, County An-four power stations as the first trim, which will be converted stage in the privanisation of to gas supplied from main-Northern Ireland Electricity. land Britain. Ulster's remain-From April 1 the dual oil/coal-fired Kilroot and the coal-fired Belfast West stapartnership of Tractabel, the Belgian conglomerate, and Applied Energy Systems of America. British Gas is buy-

ing generating plant, the Coolkeragh plant, is to be the subject of a buyout.

known as NIE (Transmission Distribution and Supply), will be floated on the stock exchange later this year.

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as executive chairman of Fisons six weeks ago, said viation ventur yesterday that he expects to announce the appointment of a new chief executive for the the Target and Section 2 pharmaceuticals group before the company's annual general meeting in May. "I anticipate making an an-nouncement well before our AGM on May 12," he said.

Mr Egan indicated that an appointment could come within a month, with the new chief executive assuming responsibility for the day-to-day running of the group, while he concentrated on strategy, investor relations and senior

tor manufacturer, yesterday

announced further expansion

plans for its booming plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear, on the opening day of the Geneva motor show.

The plant is to supply

30,000 engines a year to

Spain for use in new vehicles.

Although the company could

not give details of the con-

tract, it is thought that it will

add about £30 million to the

E650 million already contrib-

uted to Britain's exports by

The company said that the

contract was part of its strate-

gy to develop vehicles and

components across national

boundaries throughout the

European Community.
An extra £53 million was

invested at Washington to

expand engine output. The 1.6 and 2.0 litre engines

made in Britain will go into

purpose vehicle that was un-

THE City of London has less

to fear than other European

financial centres from moves

lowards a single currency for

Europe because the City

specialises more in trading

non-European currencies, in

particular the dollar and yen,

said Robin Leigh-Pemberton,

Governor of the Bank of Eng-

Speaking at the annual Roy

Bridge Memorial Lecture at

the Forex Association. Mr

Leigh-Pemberton said foreign exchange markets would

doubtless lose a steady and reliable source of income

from intra-Europe exchange transactions in a monetary

union. But the dollar and the

yen would be of prime impor-

tance after any move to a single currency, while trade

in the currencies of eastern

Europe and the former Soviet

land, last night.

Nissan.

who replaced John Kerridge

PATRICK Egan, the man management. Until his resignation in January on the grounds of ill health, Mr Kerridge had filled both

Fisons poised for

new man at the

top as profits fall

Mr Egan was speaking as Fisons reported pre-tax profits of £191 million for 1991 more than 17 per cent down

Virtually all the fall was due to the suspension last year by the United States Food and Drug Administration of two of Fisons best-selling drugs, Opticrom, a hay fever treatment, and Imferon, a blood

Mr Egan was confident that the difficulties could be overcome. "Ours is a funda-

Nissan's announcement

comes in the wake of plans to

make 175,000 cars at Wash-

ington this year, up from 124,000 in 1991, with 80 per

The rapid rate of expansion

at Nissan underlines the fears

of established European mo-

tor manufacturers who see the Japanese as their most

potent threat, particularly because of high productivity

levels they can achieve at their

new greenfield manufactur-

ing sites.

Bob Eaton, president of General Motors in Europe, gave a warning yesterday that there would be fewer inde-

pendent carmakers by the end of the decade as Japanese companies took more than a

fifth of the market. Mr Eaton

said the big six - Ford, GM,

Peugeot, Renault, Volks-

wagen and Fiat — may fall to five or even three by mergers.

Union would increase.

There is no need for traders,

brokers and other partici-

pants in the London market

to look forward with trepida-

Britain's experience in the

period since joining the ex-

change-rate mechanism had

been encouraging, said Mr

Leigh-Pemberton. Sterling

had fluctuated within a wide

band, but demand for the

currency had strengthened

recognised what an unattrac-

tive policy option devaluation in the ERM would be, and

the latent tensions in the

ERM have remained latent,"

"In the long run, it is on

episodes like this that the

credibility of the ERM is

he added.

"Happily, the market has

whenever it moved down.

tion," he added.

Nissan to export

30,000 engines

FROM KEVIN EASON IN GENEVA

NISSAN, the Japanese mo- veiled at the Geneva show

City 'can live with

single currency'

yesterday,

cent for export.

mentally strong company and we face the future with every confidence. We have had ten years of solid growth and achievement, followed by one year of difficulty." He said he saw no reason why the company should not continue as an indpendent business.

The company had warned in December that the FDA's ban on the two drugs would cost it £65 million in lost profits in 1991, comprising £33 million of profits lost on American sales, a further £12 million lost on sales to Japan and £20 million of increased costs relating to the improvement required to get the ban

Yesterday, Mr Egan said that although both drugs had received clearance from the British medicines control agency, the FDA had yet to fix a date for re-inspection of the production facilities. He was confident that Opticrom would be given the all clear, but he said he was "less sanguine" about Imferon which. he pointed out, was first launched in 1957.

"Imferon is a 35-year-old property and the technology is of that time and it might be more difficult to meet the FDA's requirements." By

T Cowie

surges

to £18.2m

BY MARTIN BARROW

T COWIE, the motor dealer,

increased pre-tax profits by

61 per cent last year as lower interest rates brought relief to its finance business.

In the 12 months to end-

December, pre-tax profits rose from EI1.3 million to

£18.21 million, returning to levels last seen in 1989 before

successive increases in inter-

At operating level, profits were £54.5 million, down from £55.6 million, but inter-

est charges fell from £44.65

million to £36.28 million. Sir

Tom Cowie, chairman, said

the results reflected "the dir-

ect and positive response of

the management team in a year of extremely challenging

Earnings recovered from

7.22p a share to 11.18p.

allowing a 35 per cent higher final dividend of 3.375p a

share, making 4.88p for the year against 3.7p. The

shares, which have doubled

in the past year as interest

rates fell, gained 3p to 138p. The finance division, which

includes Cowle Interleasing,

lifted profits from £7.5 mil-

lion to £10.98 million as more

companies moved to pur-chase leasebacks enabling

them to account for vehicles

as an expense and not an

asset, removing the risk asso-

Cowie's 20 motor dealer-

ships raised profits from £4.82 million to £6.61 million

on turnover up from £276 million to £316 million,

helped by a contract to supply Hertz with 40,000 Vauxhall

and Ford cars over two years.

utive, said relaxing franchise

restrictions, recently recom-

mended by the monopolies

ciated with residual values.

est rates took their toll.

contrast, he was confident that sales of Opticrom in the United States would resume quickly, once the FDA approval was received. Fisons' figures made the

importance of its pharmaceuticals division abundantly clear. Operating profits from the scientic equipment divi-sion rose from £67.2 million to £68.4 million, including a full-year contribution from Instruments. Horticultural profits rose from £10.4 million to £11.2 million.

again helped by acquisition. By contrast, pharmaceuti-cal profits fell from £152 million to £121 million on sales of £454 million. For the first time, Fisons breaks down its pharmaceutical sales by product Intal, its established anti-asthma drug, had sales of £170 million, while Tilede, the anti-asthma drug still to gain FDA approval, generated £20 million of sales in Europe and Canada.

Despite the fall in profits the final dividend is increased from 4.65p to 5.4p, to make a total of 8.7p against 7.5p.

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Telling soon: Patrick Egan

Really motoring: Sir Tom Cowie, who reported a 61 per cent leap in profits **ABB** instrumentation division put up for sale BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

ABB Asea Brown Boveri, the ABB said yesterday that the Swedish-Swiss power engineer, is putting its International instrumentation division, whose headquarters are

in Britain, up for sale.

The planned sale would include ABB's Kent instrumentation companies. The full division employs 1,500 in Britain and a further 3,000 in Germany, Italy and America. The Kent businesses are best known for the production of water meters and control valves. A spokesman for decision to sell the company forms part of a strategy to concentrate on the core business of power generation. transmission and distrib-

He added that ABB was not in specific talks with any particular company at this stage, but because of the nature of the business, it was likely that the potential buyer would probably be American, and a specialist in the instru-

ITT sells final stake in Alcatel for £1.9 billion

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU **EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT**

ITT Corporation, the American conglomerate, is pulling out of the telecommunication business through the sale of its remaining 30 per cent stake in Alcatel NV, the world's largest telecommunications equipment maker, to

Alcatel Alsthom, of France. The deal is worth 2.7 billion ecus (£1.9 billion) and will give the French electronics and power engineering group total control over its Netherlands-based telecoms subsidiary. For ITT, the sale is part of a strategy to streamline its operational structure and make the company more attractive to investors.

The decision to sell the stake in Alcatel NV, however, was unexpected and comes only a week after Rand Araskog, the chairman, said that the company did not intend to sell the stake.

ITT will receive E1.9 billion in cash, to paid in three instalments, and 9.1 million shares, equivalent to a 7 per cent stake in Alcatel Alsthom. The first installment of E800 million is due this summer at the close of the deal.

The deal marks ITT's departure from the telecoms business, which it owned fully until 1986 when it sold 63 per cent, mostly to Alcatel Alsthom, then known as Compagnie Générale d'Electricité. In 1990, ITT sold another 7 per cent, and yesterday agreed to sell the remainder.

ITT's decision is seen as the beginning of further bold restructuring moves. The company has often been described as the archetypal American conglomerate, as it owns a wide array of businesses, including the Sheraton Hotel group, and companies in the financial services and insurance, forestry, electronics, defence and automotive components sectors. On the New York Stock Exchange, ITT shares opened \$3.2 higher at \$69.6 as dealers took a bullish view

of the stock and further restructuring. There has also been some speculation that ITT might use the proceeds to repurchase its shares.

As part of the arrangement. Mr Araskog will join Alcatel Alsthom's board, and has agreed not to sell ITT's 7 per cent stake for at least five years. ITT estimates the net profits of the sale to be \$400 million this year. Alcatel Aisthom will be able to consolidate Alcatel NV fully into its accounts and claims that the deal will not result in a dilution of earnings for its

Redland's Steetley bid cleared

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE hostile offer from Redland for Steetley, a fellow building materials group, has been cleared by Peter Lilley, trade and industry secretary, subject to undertakings on disposals if Redland wins.

Steetley shares closed un-changed at 380p, while Redland lost 10p to 450p. The terms on offer value each Steetley at 382 2p. The defender is likely to Issue a final defence document, with asset valuations, by the weekend.

Redland has promised it will sell within 18 months Steetley's brick plants at Cranleigh, Surrey and Tilmanstone, Kent, and two day tile plants at Keele and Knutton. Staffordshire, with Steetley's clay reserves there and at Walley's Staffordshire

pit if a buyer wants them. The undertakings were offered by Redland after talks with Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of fair trading. A joint venture between Steetley and Tarmac, the building materials company. was abandoned after being referred to the Monopolies

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1991 £27.7m E27.5m **OPERATING PROFIT** PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO HAYS SHAREHOLDERS £17.8m £18.0m 4.7p 4.7p MET DIVIDEND PER SHARE INCREASED 151/4 1.3p 1.5p

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BA asks Boeing for flying fitness

By Harvey Elliott

BRITISH Airways is helping to design a new 600-seat jettiner that could take over from the Boeing 747 jumbo on many of the world's most important international air routes by the turn of

The airline has told Boeing that it would need about 20 of the new jets by the year 2010 and would expect to pay \$175 million each. They would expect them to include revolutionary ideas for business travellers including an onboard gymnasium, a business centre and a central restaurant.

Richard Albrecht, vice president of Boeing, said that BA would be among a small committee of airlines to submit detailed requirements before the new jet - probably a "double decker" powered by four powerful engines now being used on twin engined jets — was launched as a viable project.

The European plane-making consortium Airbus Industrie has said that it

too is hoping to develop a new genera-tion of super-jumbos capable of meeting the expected surge in demand for air travel over the next decade.

Mr Albrecht said, however, that the

decision to go ahead with the Boeing version would not be taken until a potential market had been confirmed and the "many problems", including the creation of new terminals capable of handling so many passengers at any one time, had been solved. Despite the recession that has led to

almost 1,000 jets being stored due to lack of passenger demand, Boeing is confident of the long-term growth in demand for new aircraft. With global air travel likely to increase by an average of 5.2 per cent a year for the next 20 years. they say, orders for more than 11,000 aircraft worth £490 billion will be placed by 2010.

Mr Albrecht admitted, however, that many airlines now losing money heavily would find it difficult to finance their aircraft in the future. "The sources of that finance may change but any airline they can make a profit by buying a new aircraft will be able to find that finance from one source or another," he said optimistically. "Someone, somewhere is ing to provide it." Stephen Wolf, chairman of United

sion opportunities.

Airlines, has fiercely attacked govern-ments for protecting weak airlines. "Competition and consolidation go together" he told the Royal Aeronautical Society in London. Governments, he said, were acting like handicappers in a horse race, adding weight to the swiftest so that even the slowest could stay in the race. This made for a more exciting race but it did nothing for real economic

He said governments should not try to impose rules that "make us keep weak rivals aritifically in the field at great expense to ourselves, airlines passengers and the world economy. Requiring stronger competitors to pull their punches ... raises costs and seriously reduces their ability to compete internationally.

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INSTEM (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.01m (£1m) EPS: 15.2p (14p) Div: 1.8p, mkg 3p HAMPDEN HOMECARE Pre-tax: £1.31m EPS: 6.37p (2p) Div: 1.8p, mkg 2p INTEREVROPE TECH. Pre-tax: £614,000 EPS: 7.95p (8.1p)

Previous total dividend: 2.85p. Turnover rose 42% to £15.8m. Company gives warning that 1992 will be a challenging year. Final results. Previous year's profits were £506,000 and total dividend was 0.2p. Turnover rose 15% to £26.1m. Interim results. Last year's profits were 2642,000. Turnover fell from

£6.36m to £5.41m.

ADMIRAL (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.47m (£3.28m) EPS: 21.9p (19.4p) Div: 3.3p, mkg 4.8p MICROFILM REPRO. (Int) Pre-tax: £3.81m (£3.61m) EPS: 4.58p (4.33p) Div; 1.44p (1.2p) NEW CAVENDISH (Int) Pre-tax: £161,715 EPS: 1.08p (0.04p)

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Total dividend last time was 4.2p. Turnover was £26.1m, up from £21.2m. Opportunities are being pursued in Singapore. Turnover rose from £15.07m to £16.34m. Dividend increase reflects progress made in the first six months. Net rental income rose from £407,951 to £455,730. Pre-tax profit last year was £5,258.

Abbey manages to keep its habits clean

from the big four high street banks over the past two weeks, the figures from Abbey National looked almost boringly clean, with profits and dividends increased well ahead of inflation. True, bad debt provisions almost trebled, but only to £155 million, and the trend for mortgage arrears is now pointing downwards.

Operating expenses were also up, rising by 25 per cent to £635 million. In other banks such a sharp increase would lead to calls for heads to roll, but at Abbey it is merely a reflection of the group's investment and expansion. Almost uniquely among quoted financial services companies, Abbey is actually increasing staff

There are a few quibbles of course. The provisions figures was higher than expected and Abbey was not hiding the fact that an interestment in the size of improvement in the size of the provisions and the number of repossessions is un-

likely during 1992.

The estate agency operations continue to lose money at the rate of about £20 million a year, taking Abbey's total investment in this area to £200 million. But the handsome profits being earned elsewhere in the group mean that Abbey can afford to take a long-term view. There have also been mutterings about Abbey failing to use its financial ing to use its financial strength to create growth potential, although given the outcome of most banking expansion strategies, this is no especially bad thing.

Abbey can in any case counter that its £285 million tual, the planned dev-elopment of its Abbey National Life operations and its continuing expenditure in its UK branch network represent a responsible level of investment. If and when good quality mortgage port-folios do come on to the market, and Abbey maintains there have been none so far, it is well positioned to cherry pick.

Profits will continue to rise in the face of recession this year, reaching perhaps £650 million, generating about 33.5p of earnings. From an investment perspective, the strengths of Abbey are also its main weakness. Compared with its shell-shocked competitors, recovery pros-pects are limited. However, a prospective price earnings ratio of nine and a dividend yield of 5.23 per cent still make the shares of this very well run company look good

Hays

THE patience of the small number of investors who took the plunge and sub-scribed for shares at 105p in the flotation of Hays in 1989 is finally being rewarded, both in terms of the share price and the 15 per cent increase in the interim divi-

dend to 1.5p.

After more than 90 per cent of the shares were left with underwriters, the price with underwriters, the price bumped along between 95p and 118p for 15 months. However, at the beginning of last year, they started to gain ground as the group proved its ability to cope with the recession. Now at 187p, they are 2p off their high.



Stacked in favour: Ronnie Frost, of Hays, where long-term prospects are good

Ronnie Frost, the chair-man and chief executive, spent the month before flotation expounding the merits of a three-legged business. But the prospect of investing in a service company coming to the market during the worst recession since the Thirties, with a balance sheet showing negative net worth and a history of acquisitions, made most potential inves-

Two and a half years on, Mr Frost's theory appears to be working. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-December were £26.8 million (£27.5 million). But if the effects of the interest rate cap, taken out in 1987 on £120 million of borrowings, is disregarded, profits grew

to £26.9 million (£25.7 milputting the shares on a rating of 18.3 times carnlion). Turnover was £341 million (£342 million) and ings. They are yielding 3.3 earnings stay at 4.7p a share.
The commercial division,
which includes business mall per cent. In the short term, the price is unlikely to rise much. Longer term, the busi-ness should show steady

services and information storage, saw profits rise 33 per cent to £9.2 million, while those at the distribution division, which has con-tracts with Waitrose, Tesco and Scottish & Newcastle, increased 15 per cent to £16.2 million. Personnel, however, saw profits decline from £6.7 million to £2.5 million. Recession was blamed on 600 job losses, while 19 offices have been temporarily closed.

mowledge is positive. Bob Carpenter, of Klein-Such even-handedness in just what a company keen to restore its credibility needs. million for the full year,

Fisons

THE good thing about the

new policy of openness in-troduced by Patrick Egan at

Fisons is that the City now

knows more about the phar-

maceutical group than it has done in the past. The bad news is that not all the new unlikely to do much for the shares, which responded to the 1991 figures by falling 9p to 384p, despite the fact that the £191 million of pretax profits - 17 per cent down on last year — was bang in line with revised expectations, and despite an unlikely 16 per cent increase in the total dividend to 8.7p.

Fison's main problem is that the more it explains about its regulatory difficulties in America, the more serious they appear and the more urgently they need to be resolved. For established irugs such as Opticrom and Imferon. whose distribution was halted last year by the Food and Drug Administra-tion, sell on breath-taking margins, as demonstrated by the fact that the FDA's intervention cost Fiscus 145 million in sales and 133 million in profits.

The fact that the FDA has not yet indicated when it might reinspect the newly modified Holmes Chapel production facility for Opticrom was not the most encouraging news, especially with the current year almost one-quarter gone. The prospect for reapproval of the 35-year-old Imferon facility seems more remote still. Then there is the matter of Tilade, Fisons' anti-asthma drug, yet to win FDA

Net borrowings were £170 million this year, giving gearing of about 38 per cent, resulting in a £10.2 million. interest charge. In the current year, pre-tax profits could recover to £225 million, putting the shares at 384p on a price/earnings multiple of 16. Expensive.

Economic indicators give Dow early boost

New York — Blue chips opened moderately higher after a bigger than expected rise of 0.9 per cent in January's leading economic indi-cators provided the latest signs of a recovery. The Dow Jones industrial average was 5.73 points higher at 3,281

after reaching 3,290. ☐ Hong Kong — Prices end-

ed lower in quiet trading as investors took profits. The Hang Seng index lost 41.06 points to 4,911.13.

☐ Frankfurt — Foreign investors showed strong interest, bidding blue-chip issues higher and burying thoughts of a consolidation. The Dax index climbed by 15.44 points to 1,763.31. (Reuter)

Tokyo takes profits

Tokyo - Shares slumped to close to their day's lows in quiet, aimless trading. The Nikkei index dropped 436.11 points, or 2.03 per cent, to 21.051.71.

Arbitrage unwinding and profit-taking by institutional investors wiped out Monday's modest gains. Fears of poor corporate earnings for the closing financial year also depressed sentiment. Turnover rose to about 240 million shares, compared with 218 million shares on Monday.

Declining issues outnum-bered rises by more than three to one. The market opened stightly firmer but lacked the energy to extend Monday's gains much fur-ther. The Nikkei index oscillated in a narrow range and peaked at 21,529.61 - just 41.79 points above Monday's close - before profit-taking (Reuter)

WH Smith in US takeover

is expanding in America with the acquisition of 59 music shops for \$18.5 million in cash. The shops, being sold by Record World of Long Island, New York, are based in the Month Feet. in the North-East.

The group intends to build a chain of 200 recorded music stores in that part of America. The stores being to 165. Smith's American trading profits rose 27 per cent to £1.9 million in the six months to end-November and 5 per cent of group

Meter trials

One in five water-company customers obliged to accept a meter had trouble with its operation and objected to its location, according to a report on compulsory metering trials.

Water director Northumbrian Water, one of

four privatised water groups that have been looking for new finance directors, has recruited Michael Taylor, who was finance director of Hickson International.

Swanyard loss

Delayed accounts from Swanyard Studios show pretax losses of £2.79 million for There is again no dividend The loss per share was 24.23p (earnings of 3.24p).

Gresham pays

Gresham Telecomputing made pre-tax profits of £355,000 in the 13 months to losses of £252,000 in the previous year) and is paying a dividend of 0.22p (nil).

STOCK MARKET

Dealers force fund manager to cancel big share bargains

ONE embarrassed fund manager, who dared to break rules yesterday, found himself the target of market-makers' anger, which forced him to cancel a number of sizeable tations. Market-makers have never been noted for their tact seasoned broker will tell you. woe betide anyone who gets on the wrong side of them.

This proved to be the case for one hapless buyer, acting for a well-known investment trust group, who wanted to buy parcels of between 2 and 3 million shares in the TSB Group, 2p firmer at 132p, and Lloyds Abbey, 3p bener at 382p. He cleared out all the stock from one marketmaker, but still only managed to fulfil part of the order. However, instead of complet-ing all his business with that particular firm, he moved on to another firm.

Before long, he had left a number of market-makers short of stock and appeared to be on the verge of driving the prices of the shares sharply higher, so making it almost impossible for the traders to cover their positions. And he had still failed to complete all his business.

Once the angry market-makers realised what was going on, they soon made their displeasure known to the investment trust, which obliged by running a line through all the bargains. Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market behaved itself remarkably well and put up a solid performance despite the continued absence of any genuine retail support. The

rallied strongly in late trading



its best with a rise of 11.1 gestions that a big bid may be ust around the corner. Government securities

closed with losses of £4 at the longer end. Resters climbed 28p to £12.25, boosted by the pros-

pects for its computerised. trading system for the foreign Aerospace continued its re-

to 455p, helped by a maintained dividend. Elsewhere among the insurance composites, there were gains for Commercial Union, 3p to 465p, Guardian Royal Exchange, 4p to 122p, Royal Insurance, 3p to 188p and Sun Alliance, 7p to 270p. the market with another rise

Institutional support has been increasing for Scholl, the healthcare group known for its specialist footwear. The shares could be due for a rerating soon. They held steady at 212p — 8p shy of their peak for the year. Scholl raised £24 million by a rights issue last year and this wiped out debt. Fund managers are waiting for next month's annual results.

rating after last week's analysts' visit with a rise of 2p to 327p. Dowty, a takeover favourite, firmed 1p to 122p despite Hoare Govett, the

broker, taking a bearish view. Steetley was steady at 380p as the government announced it had reached agreement with Redland about the disposals that would have to be made if Redland's £610 milin full-year pre-tax profits. But the shares lost an early lead to finish lip lower at

There was selective support for the rest of the banks with Barclays climbing 9p to 371p, Lloyds 6p to 426p, National Westminster 4p to 319p, and the Royal Bank of Scotland 3p to 176p. But there were setbacks for Mid-

Bank of Scotland, Ip to 115p.
The profits setback at

the City but the shares, which 9p to 384p in late trading after a lacklustre analysts meeting.

ground in response to the proposed disposal by the Wellcome Trust of another tranche of its controlling interest in the company, with the price ending 41 p lower at

Cadhary Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, fell 9p to 463p before its full-year figures today. Hoare Govett is urging its

dients to switch from Cadbusy and into Hillsdown Holdings, 8p dearer at 162p. Hoare says Hillsdown could prove attractive to the income funds because of its 5.7 per cent yield and dividend cover. Hillsdown has been a big casualty of the recession, but Hoare says that the bad news hasalready been discounted by the price and that the group may soon announce a O'Sullivan, who resigned last vear as finance director. County NatWest Wood-

Mac, the broker, is also recommending the shares. Protean, the water purifi-cation group, which was for-merly the Elga Group, rose 3p to 103p after winning its

first contract in Poland. Young Group, the USM mining group, where Sir Ron Brierley holds a 24 per cent stake, was unchanged at 39p after issuing a profits warning.

MICHAEL CLARK

Opec faces \$120bn bill for growth

BY MARTIN BARROW

MEMBERS of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries will have to spend about \$120 billion during the Nineties to increase oil output and refining capacity to meet world demand.

Dr Subroto, the secretary general of Opec, told the Saudi Asharq al-Awaat daily that the 13-member organisation would need about \$60 billion to boost output by between 6 million and 7 million barrels per day by the year 2000. A further \$60 billion was required to expand refining capacity.

Opec states would be un-

able to meet the funding requirements out of their own resources and would seek the co-operation of oil consumers, the leading oil companies "Undoubtedly, the biggest

sufficent money from their own resources," said Dr Opec anticipates an increase in demand for its oil from 23 million barrels per

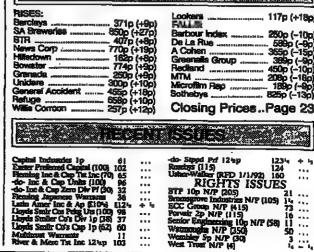
day to 28 million bpd before the end of the century. At the same time, output of crude from the non-Opec states would go into decline. Opec also considers that ex-

isting refining and storage capacity would be unable to Dr Subroto said he believed that oil prices would rise sharely in the second half of

the decade, after a period of stability, because of supply Opec reduced oil output by 210,000 bpd to 24.2 million

bpd in February but needs to cut production by a further 1.2 million bpd to meet output quotas agreed in Geneva last month, aimed at avoiding a collapse in prices





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MARKETS

eneral Accident is displaying the sort of cheerful noises that bespeak a company confident that it is putting its house in order. The market was relieved that GA maintained its dividend, which leaves its shares yielding 7.8 per cent even after a rise yesterday. A cut would have been a shock, even though the loss per share was even more than the dividend and the group's relatively comfortable solvency margin, like others, now depends too much on the market value of its investments. GA is the piggy in the middle of the composites. Having avoided the horrendous scale of mortgage indemnity losses at Royal, Sun Alliance and BAT's Eagle Star, GA's maintained dividend will make a decision to cut even tougher for Guardian Royal Exchange, though GA was not tempted to ape Commerical Union, and probably

Sun Alliance, in boldly raising its payment. Under the surface, however, GA has been doing some hefty repair work from its Perth fastness. The group made a himpy bed for itself by its venture into New Zealand banking and by building an ambitious chain of estate agencies, still making big losses, to help develop its relatively undersized life business. The New Zealand bank has at last been closed, leaving a highly profitable general insurance business and a useful life interest.

At home, administration has been rationalised, much of it going back to Scotland, and general slimming has produced most of the 23 per cent cut in staff numbers that should have been achieved by the end of the year. Domestic losses are clearly falling, ahead of most rivals, thanks to biting the bullet as price leader on motor premiums. GA is even entertaining more business in mortgage indemnity, possibly with Nationwide building society, though on a controlled basis with loss limits. Results have improved elsewhere, though there are doubts over the big American account.

These solid returns from action are encouraging and GA has better control of much of its business by its emphasis on personal lines. Weather related disasters, or even a dive in stock markets, could intervene but the group looks over the worst. Further ahead, there are still strategic problems. The life business remains small and, as Commercial Union has shown, can be vital to a successful composite. Though well-spread, GA is also relatively under-represented on the continent, which could leave it vulnerable in trading and to predators. At least management can now begin to look ahead.

Devolving taxes

ew potential Chancellors would be willing tr, give up some of their fiscal options ever a before they came to power. John Smith, who is may be less than two months from Number 11., was happy yesterday to admit over a lunch of the Newspaper Press Fund that the centralization cif Britain's economy, both fiscal and political, haid decentralization had been foisted on them by that victorious Allies in 1945, were now astonished to find that a British Chancellor could — as Norms an Lamont might well do on Tuesday - raise pet rol duty throughout the country "from midnight". In Federal Germany, such a move would invo ive detailed discussion with the Lander. The p rodevolution Smith, in a declaration of support fe ir a more "mature and sensitive" democracy, declar red himself willing to devolve central Treasury cont rol in certain areas of taxation in favour of discuss ion and debate with the regions - in effect, an element of local taxation. This approach we juid certainly reduce the artificial and stagey "inst ant policy" feel of the traditional Budget speech.

Women can find a powerful voice through Britain's biggest union

Liza Donaldson

r coorts on how Nalgo, I Nupe and Cohse have r eached a critical point in their quest to form

a new super-union

special conference of members of the National and Local Government Officers Association will toi lay vote on a report that should pave the way for the creation of the biggest trade union in Britain and the biggest public services union in Europe. This will mark a critical point in a three-year debate on whether Nalgo should merge with the National Union of Public Employees and Cohse, the health service

There would still be hurdles to cross at the three unions' conferences this summer and in a ballot of their 1.4 million members in the autumn. If the three-way merger is finally consummated on schedule in July next year, the unnamed new union will have two unusual characteristics for a leading British trade union: It. will be overwhelmingly composed of and run by women, a change already feeding through to the bargaining table, and, unlike the other big unions, it will not be affiliated to the Labour party, though it will keep traditional Lab-our links our links.

The new union will cover a wide range of public services, with nearly illion members in a devolved local government section and more than 400,000 in health. The services range from the delivery of school meals to the management of hospitals and the local councils. Members would include low-paid part-timers on £3,000 a year, to council chief executives earning more than £70,000; it would represent home helps for the elderly, planners and road engineers, librarians, nurses and social workers.

Women, given proportional repre-sentation for the first time throughout union structures, will dominate the new union, comprising I million members - more than a third of all women trade unionists in Britain. This feminine regiment will effectively become the most powerful women's organisation in the coun-

The reasons for the merger, according to Lord McCarthy, of Nufdefensive" in response to falling membership. Figures released last year by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development show that the number of trade union members, as a proportion of the workforce, plummeted in every major industrial country to an average of 28 per cent by 1988. In Britain, it then stood at 41 per cent. Public sector representation remains higher than private with about 64 per cent of council employ-Merger will confirm the trend

towards larger unions, Lord McCar-thy said, pointing to the anticipated vote in favour of a merger between



The union makes us strong: Nupe nurses may soon join forces with Cohse and Nalgo

electricians in the EETPU, expected today to form a 1-million strong union. Closer ties are also being forged between the two rival, male dominated general unions, the TGWU and GMB, comprising 2 million members.

Union leaders involved in the public sector merger have emphasised the positive joining of three "strong. independent unions". Nupe and Cohse have, however, certainly lost members, especially in manual sectors subject to the government's legislative drive for compulsory competitive tendering. In Nalgo, however, membership, which has and a flood of other legislation, has held steady in the last year, edging up to 760,000. In part, this reflects a 20 per cent growth in white-collar council jobs in the last decade.

At Nupe, which has a long history of being committed to a one-industry union for public services, Rodney Bickerstaffe, its general secretary, said: "There is generally a rationalisation of the trade unions in Britain, in Europe and Australia. Weaned on union ideals by his mother, a school meals organiser, he believes the new union is an idea whose time has come. He has admitted to being "sick and tired" of the

duplication of services, the division

over tactics and the waste of financial resources of having three sepa-

Mr Bickerstaffe, also current president of the TUC, says the general election and its aftermath will affect the climate in which the new union will have to operate but says: "Its creation will be a powerful push towards strengthening the relationship with employers. Indeed, we believe many employers will wel-

mployers in the largest sector affected, local government, have yet to meet to formulate a view. A recent posed merger among "additional areas of concern". But Alwyn Rea, president of the Society of Chief Personnel Officers in local government, said: "It might ease the relationship, because the unions will be speaking with one voice, rather than three. It might facilitate agreements. The need to go back to three separate sets of members will no longer be necessary." While a leaked NHS document stated: "It would be very difficult for any self-governing trust to resist recognition of such a large

Hector MacKenzie, general secretary of Cohse, is vehement that the new union will not lead to inflationary pay push. "We are about improving the pay and conditions of our members. It is in our interests to keep inflation down."

The new union has its critics, the most vocal of whom are internal. The merger is being fought most strongly within the richest union, Nalgo, which has assets worth £64 million against Nupe's £17 million and Cohse's £10 million. Insiders claim there is an "unholy alliance" between the ultra-left, seeking to wreck the merger, and the right.

Peter Hunter, a member of the Nalgo executive who is an administrative officer at Fylde District Councli and local government vice-chairman of the 10,000-strong Conservative Trade Unionists (CTU), denies any alliance with "strange bedfellows", but insists the case for merger has not been made. He says it is "waffle" to suggest the new union will be politically inde-pendent. There would be two political funds - one Labour and the other neutral - to accommodate Nupe and Cohse's current affiliation to Labour and Nalgo's non-affiliat-

Mr Hunter also opposes the creation of a giant union because he thinks the partners are incompatible, spanning bosses and workers -"a classiess society which does not exist in the real world". The superical juggernaut, he maintains, and would "play right into the hands of the militants".

Like other Nalgo Conservatives, Mr Hunter is unhappy about moves to give women proportional representation throughout its structures. viewing this as a "restriction on freedom". He is also unhappy that part-timers, mainly women, could play such a powerful role because part-time employees might have a part-time commitment and completely distort the face of the

his last claim particularly irritates Mr Bickerstaffe. whose union is renowned in the trade union movement for championing part-timers and women's rights — an area largely ignored by many unions until recently. He says the view that parttimers are somehow "more apathetic" is objectionable. Tom Sawyer, his deputy general secretary party's influential home policy committee, insists the new union will not be affiliated to the Labour party. He said: "There is no one more publicly associated with the Labour party than I am. But I am not looking for wholesale union affiliation or a ballot to be pushed on affiliation." Members, he stresses, can opt to join the Labour affiliated political fund (and so be represented at the party conference) or the non-affiliated fund within the new union.

In line with Labour's desire for a more arm's-length relationship with the unions, he adds: "From my point of view, we have got to have a union which is more pluralistic. I think people need a new vision of trade unions which will encompass much wider scope of views and opinions."

Keith Brown, CTU chairman, is not convinced. Not only would the new union be used as a "campaigning machine" for the Labour party. it might also bring a repeat of the 1979 "winter of discontent", he argues. Mr MacKenzie, of Cohse, dismissed the notion: "While I will not say industrial action will never happen, we are not about creating winters of discontent. That is an old agenda. We have a new one and that is about proper, fair collective bargaining systems, which will avoid the need for industrial action." He points to the ambulance dispute in which a work-to-rule kept public sympathy and won a measure of success. "After all," he adds, "it is cointiess to be campa better health service and then injure the health service."

Alan Jinkinson, of Nalgo, says the new union will be more streamlined and will have economies of scale to offer better services to members. He adds: "Our proposais are radical and exciting. I am proud to be involved in this historic occasion. creating Britain's biggest and best trade union which no government and no employer can ignore." The acid test will come at the

ballot box vote, as the potential 1.4 million voters decide whether bringing the three unions together will give them better services, free of party political rhetoric.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Cost of change at Exchange

LETTERS from Stock Exchange chairman Andrew Hugh Smith have been landing on members' doormats this week — in alphabetical order - inviting them to subscribe to The Securities Institute, the body that will replace exchange membership, from March 31, for individuals as opposed to corporate entities. The letter cites the "steady decline in the status attached to individual membership of the Stock Exchange" and says that it "has become clear that the Stock Exchange can no longer operate effectively as a professional body for its individual members". But while Hugh Smith's bid to get members to accept membership of the institute is likely to be largely successful, he is also going to be faced with a demand from the membership, for their £10,000 payments, usually made on their sixtieth birthday or at the time of their death - whichever comes first - to be paid in full before the end of March. "If they are going to disband the membership. they should pay us our money now," says one irate stockbroker, who has been lobbying colleagues and receiving unanimous support. Given that the membership is about 5.400, a full settlement would cost the exchange £54

Small is better

THERE is light at the end of. the recessionary tunnel, according to Brian Winterflood, of Winterflood Securities, the specialist smaller companies market maker. "We are cer-



tainly seeing a be itter feel to husiness and peop ile are starting to look at smaller companies again." he says. "And certainly the poter itial is enor-mous in smaller o ompanies if there is a recover y." Winter-flood, famed for his caution, is now so optimi stic that he has increased the number of smaller company stocks in which Winterfloo!d Securities deals by 150 to 870. "We hope to be up to 1,000 by the year-end." he ad ids. To cope with this addit ional workload, the firm has recruited another dealer, Andy Joad, aged 27, who previously worked for Wint erflood's old firm, Bisgood Bi shop, bought by County NatW est.

Endurance: medal

TERRY Young,, dubbed the "trusty lieutens ant" by his boss, investme: nt manager Brian Banks, vi/ho-runs and owns Guildhaid Investment Management, is still awaiting his endu rance medal after serving Bainks loyally for 20 years. You ng, aged 42, who passed the historic milestone on Frid ay, holds the title of investment executive within Banks' organisation. but is generally regarded as

inches tall, and a former rugby No 8, Young, a bachelor, towers over his boss. His potentially intimidating image is, however, softened by his penchant for Benetton clothes. Banks. meanwhile, recalls the time when, in January 1979, a rather more formal shirt, worn by Young. was ripped as he fought his way through the throng at Barclays Bank, to lodge an application for gifts on behalf of his then employer, Britan-nia Arrow — which is where he first worked under Banks. They went to a 30 or 40 per cent premium on day one and everybody was desperate to get some," says Banks. There was such a scrum that it was called the Battle of Watling Street." Banks, who had by then formed his own firm, was so delighted by the premium that he awarded his staff a £1,000 bonus per person. For Young's extraordinary effort, Britannia Arrow, then under the command of Lord Rippon, presented him with a tankard instead. He left Britannia for Banks' employ at the earliest opportunity.

Election nerves ANYONE unaware of the fact that a general election is imminent would have had their ignorant state unceremoniously ended on Mon-day. Michael Howard, employment secretary, cancelled a press briefing, scheduled to be held at the Department of the Environment's offices in Caxton Street. The Liberal Democrats, however, carried on regardless. They sent out a press release, reacting to his non-existent briefing.

CAROL LEONARD

Pension trustees From MrR. Manwaring

Sir, Whilst the Maxwell scan-

Trusteeship is always a debatable point, particularly

Custodian trustees are, in my view, the ideal solution

Maxwell is unlikely and also there was no argument.

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dals are fresh in our minds, may I. as a former pensions specialist, put in a plea for a very radical type of legislation to ensure, as far as is humanly possible, that another Maxwell does not occur.

when one considers that pensions are, in general, provided by employers and there-fore they should have a say in the nature of the benefits etc. However, it has often been argued that pensions are deferred pay and, as employ-ers have no say in how an employee spends his salary, they should have no say in how the pension fund is administered in terms of benefits and surpluses. Leave that to the the trustees.

but, in any event, I strongly feel that in future no member of the board of a company should be a trustee since, with the best will in the world. trustees are inhibited from acting independently if, effectively, they are governed by the directors.

We all realise that another

that his powers to dictate to his fellow trustees were absohate, but in order to safeguard against the unlikely happening of another pension fund disaster, it seems worthwhile being bold and radical in framing legislation. Pension advisers are naturally professional people but they are paid by the company and therefore they cannot be expected to advise entirely impartially on trusteeship and it would be better if the matter were subject to legislation and

RANDLE MANWARING, Newick, East Sussex.

Why democracy has died at AGMs

lars and draw fund manag-

ers' attention to contentious

issues. (It causes one to ask

what the pension funds have

Perhaps the new organis-

ation of Proshare should di-

vert some of their energy and

money from education of the

private shareholder to the

education of the pension fund

manager, who, after all, is only working on behalf of the private individual.

More to the point today,

two flights per day.

being doing up until now!)

Sir. The outgoing comments by Clive Gilchrist, the chair-

BUSINESSIETTERS

man of the investment committee, at the National Association of Pension Funds, on February 27, 1992, indicate why democracy has died at most company AGMs some a. At least 24 per cent of

managers of pension funds did not exercise proxy votes at all at company meetings. b. The association proposes to provide a sifting service, where it would look through company reports and circu-

Yours faithfully, R. N. B. Freeman, 34 Whitelands Avenue, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

BA seen as a predator in goldfish bowl only a limited frequency of

Sir. BA and Virgin appear to be in more than an ordinary. competitive situation and I

committee report to recom-

mend methods of regulating

competition and licensing of

British airlines. Its debate in

Parliament and implementa-

save British Eagle and BUA,

which were two of the best

BOAC and BEA, then the

nationalised predecessors of

BA, subjected the indepen-

dent airlines to intense pres-

sures which were scarcely

To wit: - putting excessive

capacity on domestic trunk

airlines of that time.

normal competition.

BA is now a huge private enterprise (turnover £6 bilfeel it important to comment lion) in which there has been in the light of my own experia correspondingly huge inences as chairman of British vestment from taxpayers and Eagle International Airlines now from shareholders. It has in the Sixties. a national obligation to dem-Of the large number of onstrate its observance of the British airlines founded in the fair policies of the Civil Aviapost-World War Two period. tion Authority (one outcome most have gone out of business. In 1966, the government of the Edwards committee) which need not in any way commissioned the Edwards

ties and aspirations. Our smaller airlines must be allowed to develop on a reasonable basis because it is a widely held view that this is tions in 1969 were too late to in the best interests of the British airline business as a whole, of the public, and of the UK's economy.

compromise its global activi-

Lord King or Sir Colin Marshall should state clearly their policy towards Virgin. for the smaller British airlines and now perhaps others abroad do feel that BA is a predator in a goldfish bowl. Yours faithfully,

routes, known as "sandwich-HAROLD BAMBERG ing and swamping" or in more polite language, waste-ful duplication, when Eagle, Harewood Park, Buckhurst Road, Sunninghill, for instance, were permitted

A European banana that is no stranger

Sir, In defining the "European banana" as a fruit grown "in the Caribbean ex-colonies of France and Britain", the article in the Business section of The Times (March 2) is

It is no doubt true that excolonial Caribbean ones are the only European bananas to depend. as a "strange fruit", on privilege for access to European Community countries. But surely bananas from the Canary Islands. which in this context must be thought equally exotic, are no

less European in having access as of right to European Community countries generally as well as to mainland Spain, of which the islands legally form part?

Yours truly MYLES GLOVER. Bethersden. Kent

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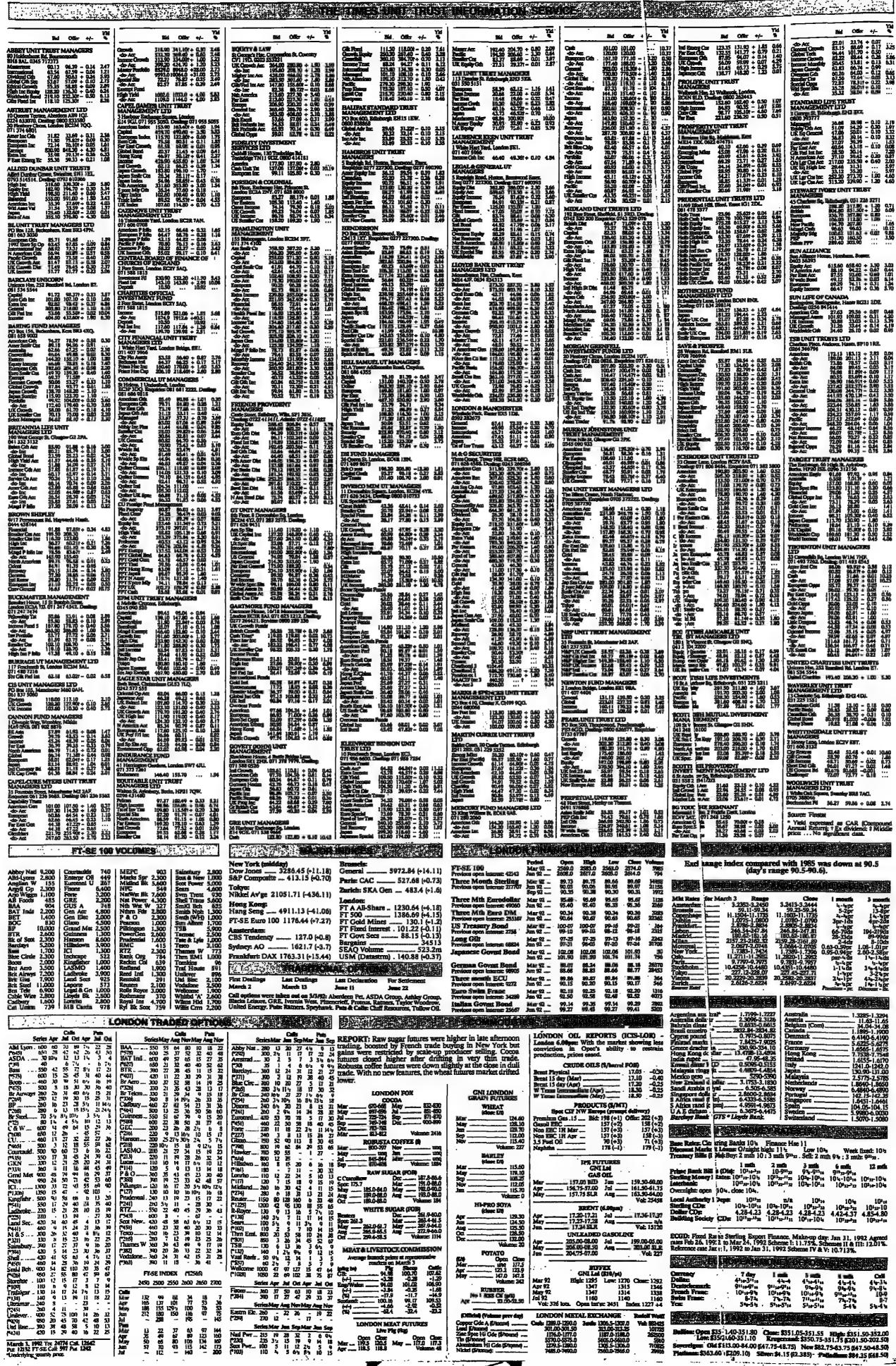
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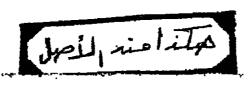
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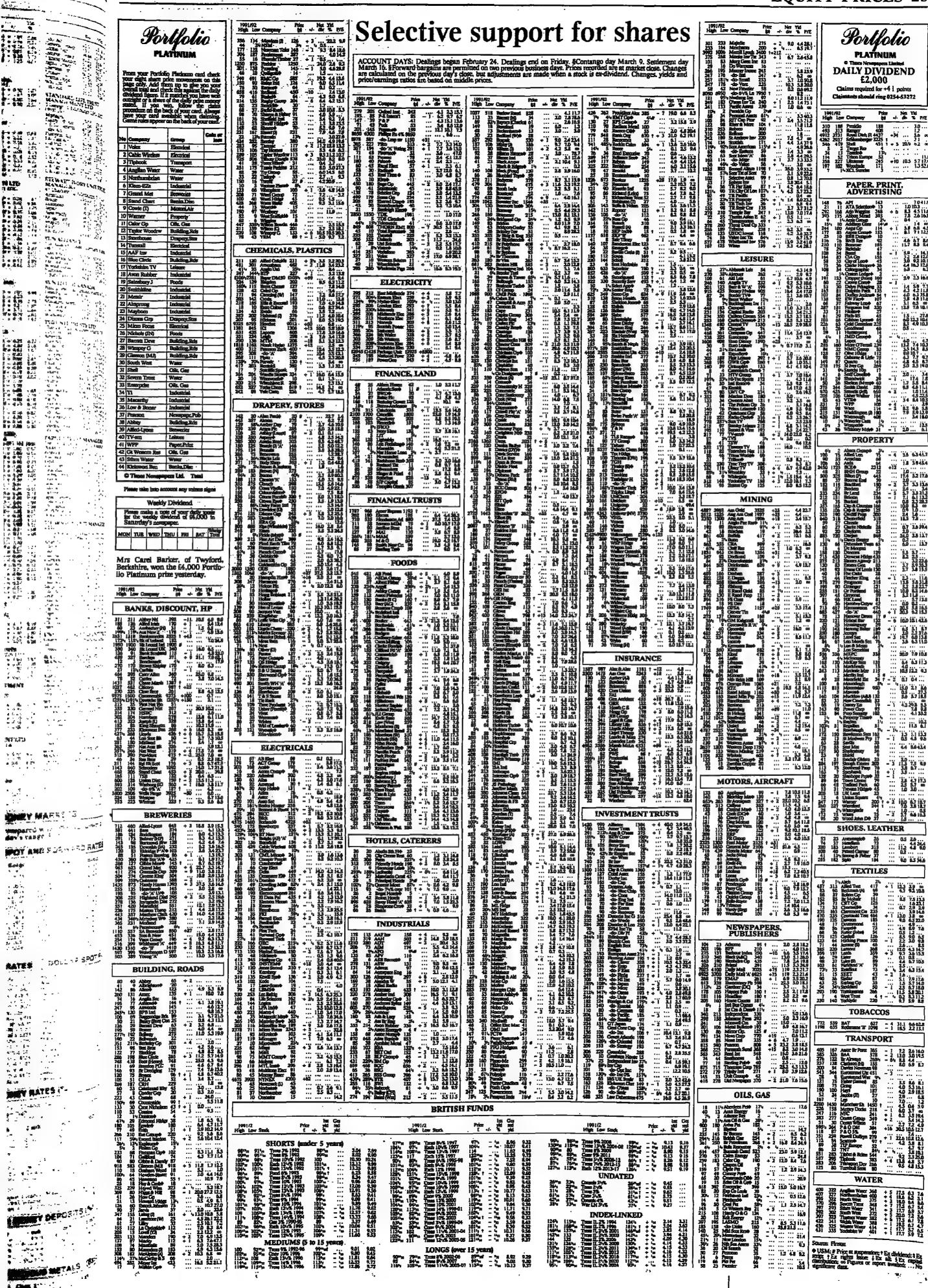
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NESDAY MARCH





Bailey not diverted by fury of a storm

BY ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIL CORRESPONDENT

THE LTA satellite circuit may be just about the lowest form of professional life. But British wins are welcome anytime, anywhere and an event that reaches its climax at the Masters in Eastbourne this week has provided more than

British players have contested the final of all three legs, Jeremy Bates winning two and being beaten by Chris Wilkinson in the third, while Andrew Richardson has found that the leap from the juniors is not as wide as perhaps he first imagined. But the strain of scrapping for the crumbs from the profession's high table seems to be showing in the final week

of the \$50,000 series. Yesterday, at the David Lloyd Club, it all proved too much for the Latin temperament of Alessandro Dalboni. who came within a whisker of disqualification during his second-round match against Chris Bailey. Given that he shook the umpire's chair so vigorously Brian Burniston did well not to capsize, and barged into a linesman changing the score, he was perhaps fortunate to stay on the court. He was given a warning and then a penalty point. His opponent admitted it had been hard to con-centrate, but had some sympathy for the underlying cause of the furore. "I suppose it's inevitable. You're playing the same guys week after week and perhaps your hotel is not so good and con-

ditions on court are bad. It begins to get to you, particularly when you're looking forward to going home," he said.

The Italian at least has the consolation of being able to go home a day or two early because, not surprisingly perhaps, he lost. Had he managed to convert any one of five set points to take the opening set tie-break, things might have been different. But Bailey hauled himself back from 6-1 down to win it 9-7 and, though he dropped the second set, broke early in the third to reach the quarterfinals by 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

It was a just reward for Bailey, aged 23, whose recovery from a cruciate ligament injury has been rather less blicised than that of Paul Gascoigne. The knee injury was exactly the same as Gascoigne's and it dropped Bailey from a career-high ranking of 124 to over 1,000.

He has climbed back to 310 already and is, by his own admission, a far stronger and more complete player than when he left nearly two years ago. "I found a depth of character and determination I didn't really know was there. But I'm lucky. I've been

after injuries like this."

Todd Woodbridge - for their

Davis Cup quarter-final

given a second chance. A los

Gomer ousts Wood

SARA Gomer, of Torquay, beat Claire Wood, from Sussex, 7-6, 6-2, in their firstround match in the Virginia Slims of Florida women's tournament in Boca Raton

vesterday. ☐ Australia have announced an unchanged squad — John

Fitzgerald,

against Sweden in Lund, Sweden, from March 27 to 29. Australia beat Yugoslavia 5-0 in last month's opening-round match, switched to Cyprus because of unrest in Richard

RUGBY LEAGUE

Davies left uncertain of his place at Hull

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE return of Shaun Edwards to the Great Britain team means that Jonathan Davies loses his role of temporary captain. Edwards, who missed the match against France in Perpignan because of a Wigan Challenge Cup tie, resumes the captaincy for Saturday's World Cup return match at The Boulevard, Hull.

The Great Britain coach. Malcolm Reilly, is delaying naming his team until tomorrow because of injuries to Graham Steadman, Michael Jackson and Ian Lucas, and Davies must wait to see if he retains his stand-off half place. Victory is vital for Great Britain, since their hoped-for appearance in the final against Australia may ultimately depend on the points scoring difference between themselves and New

In the Great Britain under-

By PETER BARNARD

ALL up and down the land.

at the start of the Formula

One motor racing season, we

could be of ten or 12 cylin-

ders (I suspect ten in the case

21 team to play France at Halifax on Friday night there are four new caps, the Wigan utility player, Augustine O'Donnell, the St Helens wing, Mike Riley, the Sheffield Eagles wing, Richard Picksley, and the Featherstone Rovers forward, Paul Bonson. O'Donnell, who can also play hooker, edges out another potential debutant Jason Donohue, of Leigh, who was hoping for a cap after last season serving a suspension of 12 matches for a foul tackle. However, Donohue can still make it since he is a substitute.

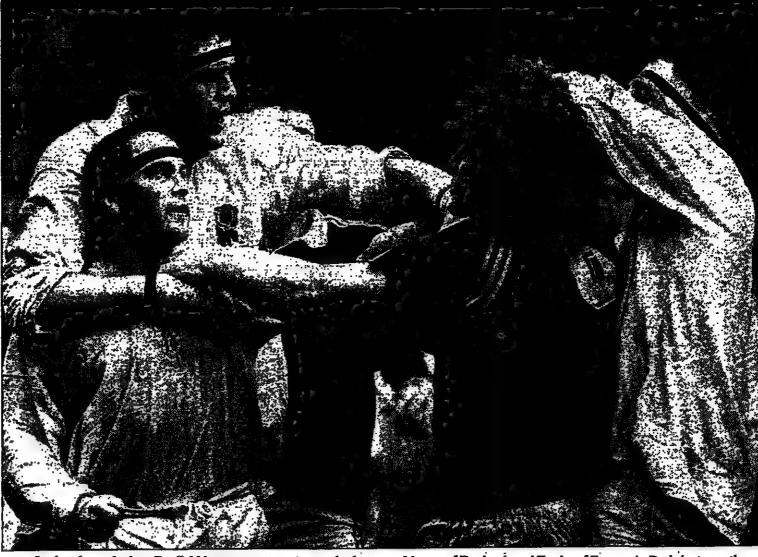
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SPORT ON

TELEVISION

THE WEEK



Laying down the law: Bayfield intervenes to restore order between Moore, of England, and Tordo, of France, in Paris last month

Bayfield takes over on lineout patrol

By Peter Bills

EVEN those who are having their collar felt by Martin Christopher Bayfield, of the Bedford Constabulary, nod in acknowledgement of his chievements off the beat.

In his spare time, Bayfield, 6ft 10m tall and weighing in at 18st 2lb, is the Northampton lock for-ward who has become a key member of the England side this season seeking its sec-ond successive grand starn ond successive grand slam. As he patrols the streets of his home town of Bedford, he finds that awareness of

rugby has infiltrated even the criminal classes. "Mostly the remarks are good-humoured," Bayfield said. "Even those I have arrested in the past and might be on ball awaiting trial or free after serving a rugby player, aren't you? Good luck on Saturday. We often have a chat about rugby. Unfortunately, in too

many cases, it doesn't seem to stop them doing it again."
On the field, Bayfield's main aim is to negotiate perlls of play in the modern lineout. He is aged 25 and the natural heir apparent to Wade Dooley, whose retirement from international rugby is almost sure to be confirmed after the match

Yet, despite being about to collect his sixth cap. Bayfield is so sure he needs more education in the game that he is hoping for selec-tion on the B tour to New Zealand this summer. Playing there, he believes, is will provide a proving ground where a young lock forward

against Wales at Twicken-

ham on Saturday.

like him can gather experi-ence and knowledge. By then, he may have moved back from No. 2 his more favoured position — as Dooley's replacement. In a technical sense, it is as different jumping in the two positions as propping on the tight or loose head of the scrum. Greater speed is required in thought and deed at the front to handle the earlier arrival of the ball and handling needs to be marinally sharper to take the aster delivery.

Although Bayfield made his name with Bedford, his home-town club, he began to make his real reputation only after he had moved to Northampton. Coming under the guidance of two New Zealanders — Wayne Shelford, the club's imported No. 8 lorward, and Barry Ross, the coach — has been highly instructive.

Both are excellent tacticians and have a deep know letige of the game," Bayfield said. "Both will suggest little things, small adjustments sometimes and invariably Shelford can literally make the difference between winning and losing during a

RUGBY UNION

"He and Barry Ross have you are training and playing, rugby is everything. You have to get your body and mind in top condition and you must concentrate all the time. Their training sessions are very thorough, very fast with thought required the whole time. No time is allowed for talking or

slacking.

Bayfield is 'gradually learning how to handle the infringements that have become an everyday part of the modern lineout. He says that smaller opponents tar-get him deliberately, accept-ing they have no chance of equality on a fair basis. Thus, he often becomes the decoy for the throw to the back or is prevented from jumping, a frustration in

With England, the expe rience is there to sort out such problems, as we did in the second half against Scotland this season, but it is you know you are being illegally prevented from showing your best.

I have been fortunate to have come into the side while Wade was still around. He has been a tremendous bifluence. He is a huge bloke with a huge aura around him. He has been a calming

influence during games."
Bayfield has always been immense. At the age of 13. he was 6ft 4in; at 19, 6ft 10in. "My parents told me to be proud of my height and I didn't get any ribbing at school, I believe because I was always comfortable and contended about my

But he considers his regu lar place in the England team this season in no way a guarantee of future appearances. He mentions young locks like Sims, Poole, Johnson and also the experienced Redman and future challengers; hence his belief in self-improvement.

enough, it's just the time it takes away from the family

fortieth international appear-

ance on Saturday; he toured

New Zealand in 1981 and

won his first cap the following

year. He shares, with John Jeffrey, the record for a Scot-

tish forward of 11 tries and toured with Jeffrey and Finlay

Calder as a British Isles play-

Five Wasps players who

"mooned" during a tourna-

ment in Malaysia were each

fined £17 yesterday after pleading guilty to indecent behaviour. The captain,

Chris Wright, aged 25, Law-

tence Scrase, 19, Mark

Brown, 26, Paul Volley, 20,

and Philip Hopley, 25, all from London, apologised to the magistrate. The players

bared their backsides from

the stand while watching the

er in Australia in 1989.

White, aged 34, makes his

and from my work."

RACING

Dunwoody appealing 4-1 to be top rider

By MICHAEL SEELY

THE all-conquering Peter Scudamore has been installed favourite at 6-4 on with Ladbrokes to emerge from next week's Cheltenham festival meeting as the leading rider.

The top jockey in this case will be the man who rides the most winners and has nothing to do with the Ritz Club trophy, in which placings are also taken into account.

Richard Dunwoody is sec ond favourite at 4-1 with the London firm, who then go 8-1 Jamie Osborne, 10-1 Adrian Maguire, 14-1 Jimmy Frost and Charlie Swan, 16-1 Declan Murphy.

"I've got the strongest book of rides I've ever had at the meeting," said the champion

jockey yesterday.
Indeed, not only does Martin Pipe, Scudamore's recordbreaking trainer, have the Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle favourites in Carvill's Hill and Granville Again, the Wellington perfectionist also has his personal banker Miinnehoma in the Sun Alli-

. The impressive Chepstow winner was yesterday heavily backed from 4-1 to 3-1 with Ladbrokes and from 9-2 to 7-2 with Corals.

Of course Scudamore's position looks almost impreg-nable with several other likely winners among Pipe's 27-strong raiding posse. But all the saturation Nicholashayne media coverage should not be allowed to overshadow the fact that both Nicky Hender-son and David Nicholson are also continuing in tremendeus form.

"The 4-1 against Dunwoody may therefore be over-gener-ous as the jockey's mounts for both stables include Waterloo Boy, New York Rainbow, Mutari, Thetford Forest, Gambling Royal and Shamana. He is also riding Kribensis in the Champion Hurdle and has been booked for the Irish-trained Crowded House in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle.

All the betting money yesterday for Saturday's Imperlal Cup at Sandown was for Spinning and the Tote Gold Both horses had their prices cut from 4-1 to 7-2 and from

5-1 to 4-1 respectively. On the Coral Golden Hurdie front, Cokenny Boy was yesterday announced as a doubtful starter by Jenny Pitman. The sponsors revised betting is as follows: 8-1 Holy Joe, 10-1 Bolaney Boy, 12-1 The Widget Man, Sprowston



Scudamore: celebrated his 1.500th winner

Scudamore reaches new milestone

PETER Scudamore, the most successful National Hunt jockey of all time, reached another milestone at Warwick yesterday when becom-

ing the first man to ride 1,500 winners. It was fitting that the 33year-old seven times champion achieved the success on a

Martin Pipe runner, Slavi. However, Scudamore, on the brink of a record eighth title, had to be at his best to reach the landmark on the

13-8 favourite for the Ranvet Mares Only Novices' Hurdle. Slavi was cantering turning for home, but made heavy weather of getting the better of Gaelstrom by two lengths. This was the second time Scudamore has achieved a landmark at the Midland venue, having been the first to

achieve 150 winners in a season with Anti Matter at the course in February 1989. "I always do it at Warwick

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as I know you have plenty of champagne," he joked to course manager Edward Gillespie before being presented with a magnum to celebrate.

Only two other National Hunt jockeys, John Francome and Stan Mellor, have breached the four-figure barrier with 1,138 and 1.035 winners respectively. And the speed with which Scudamore is riding the winners makes 2,000 a real possibility.

White will retire after game against France

Scottish back row that

included Jeffrey and Calder,

has decided to follow his two

colleagues into international

retirement (David Hands

DEREK White, the third It's not that I don't feel fit member of that Illustrious enough, it's just the time it

Joubert joins Barbarians BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH Africa may have resolved their unification problems too late to enter the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank sevens next month, but they will have a representative there: Andre Joubert, the stylish full back who played for the Barbarians at the start of this season, will join the invitation club's squad for the

tournament on April 4 to 5. The Barbarians, the only side from the northern hemisphere to have won the world's leading sevens tournament, yesterday announced a squad of youthful promise that will be prepared by Dick Best, the England coach. A strong Scottish strain runs through it: Gavin Hastings will be captain and play stand-off half to the elusive Andy Nicol, while two other Scottish caps, Iwan Tukalo and Rob Wainwright,

Apart from Tukalo, who will play scrum half in emergencies. Simon Davies will be

A double act of enduring fascination

pressive, James. There was

no sign that either of them

was running in an untested

diché, or fumbling with

semi-automatic analyses. It

available as a runner-in. Davies, aged 24, has forced his way into the Swansea side this season despite his slight build and his pace is said to match that of Andrew Harriman, the Harlequins wing who so electrified the tourna ment last year, but who, like his club colleagues, is not available because of the clash with the Pilkington Cup semi-

Joubert, aged 27, has ap-peared nearly 100 times for the Orange Free State. He won a South African cap against the 1989 international XV and his experience at scrum half and stand-off half, as well as full back, should serve the Barbarians well. They have been drawn in the same pool as Romania and Taipei and are seeded to meet Canada in the quarter-finals.

There is new blood, too, in the Rosslyn Park national schools sevens, sponsored for the fourth year by Shell UK. which will be played on 12

pitches between March 23-26. The trend back to state schools is reflected in the entry and Peter Tanner, chairman of the organising committee, believes that the recent World Cup has in-creased enthusiasm for the game. In its 54th year the schools sevens is bigger than ever, with 294 acceptances who will play 580 matches in the four days of the event.

BARBARHANS: S Device (Swemes), j Turisto (Selfrit), A Joubert (Od Greya), 6 Hastings (Watsonians, cacian), A Nicol Dussian (SEP), T Reduce (Northernopord, J Hanter (Northernopord, R Walmeright (Edinburgh Academicals), J Cassell

complain about: Of course, it

would be wrong to suggest

that the only reason for

watching was to listen to the

Walker-Hunt machine, that

rare combination of high

pitched scream and bottom-

end thud. There is this sea-

son, and for the first time, a

voice from the pits, helpfully

telling us why such-and-such

car had disappeared from

information colourfully

transmitted, there is still

nothing to beat Walker. This

year he has acquired a way of

talking about cars as if they

were human beings, as when

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writes). White, the London Scottish No. 8, will make his domestic and business de-

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forward from Bristol, makes his first representative appearance in the universities international between unbeaten England and Wales at

final Murrayfield appearance (like David Sole, his captain) against France on Saturday. White, a financial consultant based in Guildford, had hoped to tour Australia this summer with Scotland but

☐ Kurt Seecharan, a No. 8

World Cup - that this would

rugby for at least another season.
"I had almost decided as far back as three years ago when I was aiming for the

mands have persuaded him

to call it a day at the end of the

five nations' championship

which, for Scotland, will be

against Wales in Cardiff on

March 21. He will play club

be my last season, anyway.

VOLLEYBALL

Kyle's future unclear as title chance slips

Kyle, the Scottish women's champions for the past four years, after their defeat by Glasgow Powerhouse last

bridge and Grangeburn Coaches, to secure their first

wena Murray and Fiona Hamilton.

Jim Low, the Kyle coach, is ____

BY RODDY MACKENZIE A QUESTION mark hangs still considering his position but it could be the end of the over the future of Adscreen : road for the team.

The 15-11, 3-15, 9-15, 15-8, I3-15 loss makes their chances of retaining the title. remote, as Powerhouse should win their remaining two matches, against Coat-

Kyle, who are out of the Royal Bank of Scotland Scottish Cup and with their league programme over, are to lose six players: Christine Low, Lesley Smith, Lynne Ramage, Audrey Proctor, Ro-

In England, Britannia Music beat Trafford 15-6, 15-13, 15-4, a boost for a second meeting this weekend and their clash in the final of the Bank of Scotland English women's cup final later on.

There was no change at the

top of the men's first division,

Team Lander beating Team

Rothes Data 15-9, 15-10, 15-

6 and West Coast getting the

better of Dundee 15-3, 15-

In the men's first division, Team Mizuno Malory kept

their advantage at the top with a 15-13. 15-4 15-3 win against Newcastle (Staffordshire). Wessex performed well for an away defeat of Hilton Leeds 16-14 10-15 15-11 12-15 15-12.

the fans gather around the was all very reassuring. IN REVIEW television set. Anxious looks My favourite moment are exchanged, predictions from their first outing of the are muttered, hopes and season was a little tiff about of Hunt, 12 in the case of fears hesitantly expressed. the motivation of Riccardo Walker) for all the difference Can the team do it again? Patrese. Who? Oh, he is a it would make to the out-Has all the money been racing driver. Nigel properly invested? Will the come. Grand prix commen-Mansell's No. 2 at Williams. tary is not an arena into technology fail? They and others are required which ITV has ever stuck so We need not have worried. to attend at 16 tracks around much as a toe. Walker-Hunt, sponsored by

Still, even a team in perthe BBC, fuelled by adrenamanent pole position has to lin, driven by enthusiasm. perform on the day. And on are once again up there in this day, which was Sunday, pole position, vying for the Walker-Hunt performed up inside track, occasionally to the hilt. Not even Patrick getting their wires crossed. Head of Williams (another from time to time falling out team that was also in South over the tactics, but in gener-Africa, to give Walker-Hunt al ticking over like a . . . well, something to talk about). could have designed a mach-Not that Walker-Hunt ine to match the one with have anything in the way of BBC mikes clamped over competition. Their engine

Impressive, Murray? Im-

their mouths.

the world between now and November so that we have pictures to look at while Walker-Hunt are entertain-

ing us.
The tiff concerned whether or not Patrese was putting in sufficient effort. Patrese was running second to Mansell. but Hunt thought this was a poor show. He thought the Williams pit would think it was a poor show, too, and indeed when Patrese put in a spurt. Hunt became even more certain that this was a

poor show. If he could go faster now, why could he not have gone faster before?

Walker was not having this. Walker was of the opinion that for Patrese to be running second only to the beloved Mansell (who could have gone home to Florida for all we were shown of him) and in front of Senna. well. this was hardly something to



Walker can translate whatever language an engine speaks into English. Alesi's engine, Walker announced. had said: "I'm hot, I'm tired, I've had enough." Murray, you're a

driver's headrest.

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Pamber Priory can prove point

stylish Declan Murphy in the saddle, appeals as a good to to win the Fair Rosamund Handicap Chase at Folkstone last month.

While conceding that life was certainly made easier on

THUNDERER

4.15 Bean King.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 GOODSHOT RICH.

1.45 SANDGATE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,165; 2m 100yd) (20 runners)

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OO-O MAYFAIR MAIDEN 121 (Mrs L Ripley) G Ripley 5:11-1 G Moone
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SETTING: 2-1 Keytak, 5-1 Petrner, 6-1 Assessmedt, 7-1 Show The Reg, 8-1 Run For Pape, 10-1 Buck The Trend, March Warpier, 12-1 Onwards And Upwards, 14-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EDIMBOURIG 16 7th of 10 to Tipp Mariner in a nov-ice hurdle, over course and distance (soft). YAY-TAK 10 kl 4th of 18 to Santaray in a novice hurdle at Notingham (2m, good). ASWAMEDH 211 Sth of 9 to Salestion: KAYTAK in

BETTING: 7-E Legal Tins, 4-1 Predicatins, 5-1 Ribokeyes Boy, 6-1 Izadeyer, 8-1 Fort Wapping, Wingoommender Ests, 10-1 Striding Distance, 12-1 others.

1991: BALLY FRENCHMAN 7-19-0 J R Kavenagh (11-E) A Devicen 18 ren

FORM FOCUS

LEGAL TINA 2'ki 3rd of 9 to Lady Poly in a selling handlesp hardle at Lingseld (AW, 2m 4). PROSE-CUENDO 9'ki 4th of 10 to Tipp Mariner in a novice hurdle, over course and delarance (soit). FORT WAPPING 10! 4th of 18 to Execture Grey in a claiming hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good), with HOW-HENGE (13b better off) 15 list.

RIBOKEYES SOY 2'ki 2nd of 8 to Motinam's Gold

COURSE SPECIALISTS

2.15 PEASWARSH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

9-60 BUCK THE TREND 49 (P Jacobs) G Thorner 6-11-8, 00 EDM/BOURG 21 (A Richards) S Woodman 6-11-6, 005 EVERY ONE A GEM 12 (S) (J Daniels) M Dixon 5-11-6, 005 EVERY ONE A GEM 12 (S) (J Daniels) M Dixon 5-11-6, 005 EVERY ONE A GEM 12 (S) (J Daniels) M Dixon 5-11-6, 005 EVERY ONE A GEM 12 (S) (J Daniels) M Dixon 5-11-6, 005 EVERY LANGE S (L Bowman) L Bowman 5-11-8, 00-224 KAYTAK 18 (T Myles & Co (Contractors) Ltd) J Jension 5-11-6, 005 COSYRUN SS (J Grist) D Grissel 6-11-6, 005 CONYAND AND UPWARDS 676 (R Upton) Mrs D Heine 7-11-8.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT LAST TWO FURLONGS)

1.45 Petmer. 2.15 Legal Tina. 2.45 Goodshot Rich. 3.15 Pumber Priory. 3.45 Le Chat Noir.

The nine-year-old's only bad race this season occurred at Worcester early in December when his trainer Tim Thomson Jones was going through a lean speil. Even when he fell at Devon

& Exeter the time before, Pamber Priory was leading at the last before making an uncharacteristic error.

Office of He has won his other two he scored by five lengths at

MANDARIN

4.15 Bean King.

1.45 Kaytak. 2.15 Legal Tina.

(nap).

3.45 Le Chat Noir.

(£1,541: 2m 100yd) (17 runners)

3.15 PAMBER PRIORY

appearance he was a winner by double that margin over today's course and distance

that occasion by Dandy Minstrel and his rider parting. company at the last fence when holding a slight lead. I still feit that Pamber Priory would have won in any event. I take him to prove that point by beating the same horse again on only 3lb worse

In the meantime, Dandy races this term. First time out Minstrel has again blundered away a chance of win-

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

ning at Plumpton, again at the last fence. Recruits from Flat racing do not come much more talented than Nicky Hender-son's Bean King, who is taken to make a successful, alheit somewhat belated, start

Novices' Hurdle.

RICHARD EVANS

3.45 Le Chat Noir.

4.15 Bean King.

3.15 PRAIRIE STORM

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run in this country.

After going down by oneand-a-half lengths to What's Your Problem on his last visit to Folkestone, Le Chat Noir can go one better in the Cliftonville Handicap Chase.

The Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase qualifier is probably best left to Goodshot Rich, who was beaten only three-quarters of to his jumping career by wina length by Sacre d'Or at ning the Somerfield Court Leicester last time.

2.45 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,106: 3m 2f) (14 runners)

At Bangor, I will be looking He should do so at the m Dehimes Jake to win the expense of Kilcash, Peter Llangollen Handicap Chase. Hedger's recent Irish import On his last trip to the Weish who was put to rout by Ca- course Dubious Jake ran the

FORM FOCUS

MAD CASANOVA run disappointingly twice since 37kl 3rd of 11 to Erms Express in a novice chase at Newton Abbot (3m 21 10yd, good) in December 20 CAJAR best DISCO DURE (7b better off) 10 in a novice hendicap chase at Windsor (3m, good to firm) on paratitimate start, with MR GEE 28ll 8th, PROBLERS THREE 11l 3rd of 13 to Parson's Thoms

3, 15 FAM ROSAMUND HANDICAP CHASE (52,212: 3m 2f) (14 runners)

3 PARR ROSAMUND HANDICAP CHASE (#2,212: 3m 2f) (14 runners)

1 (243-94 CERTAIN LIGHT 21 (D.G.S) (Mrs A Campbell) Mrs A Campbell 14-18-0 Mr P Hacking

2 22-1FP1 PAMBER PRIORY 21 (CD.G.S) (D Makins) T Thomson Jones 8-11-12. D Murphy

3 45P0- SHAMMA 303 (F.G.S) (Mrs 2 York) K Bailey 11-11-7. A Tory

4 U12F-25 FIRE AT WILL 22 (SF.S) (Mrs J Cotton) T Foreits 8-11-6. II Davies

5 222222 PLAYPEN 20 (D.BF.F) (P Tylor) R Frest 8-11-8. II Davies

6 351-024 ROCK SAINT 33 (C.G.S) (G Gregson) G Gregson 18-11-0. J White

7 2132-P3 PRAIRIE STORM 34 (F) (A Wates) T Etherington 8-10-12. Mr Oxide Section 20 McCourt

8 54040 BOLD IN COMBAT 50 (B.D.F.G) (J Browne Construction Ce Ltd) T Creey 9-10-8 R Durwoody

9 4404U DANDY MINSTRES, 7 (B.F.G.S) (Windows Record) E Wates 8-10-4. J Ryen (6)

10 P-P8890 SAM SHORRICCK 18 (B.S) (K Oydins) Mrs L Bower 8-10-4. J Ryen (6)

11 P6-528P AUTUMN ZULU 7 (C.G.S) (R Douglas) Mrs L Bower 8-10-4. P Holey

12 SEP-P8P ROCKY VULGAN 7 (8) (F Water) Mrs L Bower 8-10-0. S Barrough

13 004FSU COMPA 16 (V.D.G.S) (P Pains) (B Hm 18-10-0. B Bower 8-10-0. T Granifiem)

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Long handjosp: Comza 9-13, Master Comody 9-13.

BETTING: 6-4 Pamber Priory, 11:4 Preirie Storm, 9-2 Dendy Minetral, 11-2 Playpen, 10-1 others.

1991: DUNRAVEN ROYAL 8-10-0 D Morris (9-4 fav.) R Curtis 14 ran

3.45 CLIFTONVILLE HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,087: 2m) (10 runners)

PAMBER PRIORY best Over And Above 10I in a 6numer handloop chase, over course and distance
(soft), with CESTAIN LIGHT a feature 4m, ALTURNIN ZULU tailed off Sh and DANDY MINISTRIEL
(stop better off) building a sight lead when unseeting
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Selection: PAMBER FRICEY

Long heriolicus; Winning Denoer 9-6, Artio Chief 9-6, Astrimes 9-6.
BETTING: 9-4 Le Chai Noir, 11-4 Evening Rain, 5-) Holtsmann, Pulda Major, 7-1 Rosal Clump, 10-1 others
1991: SOLENT LAD II-9-12 M Stovens (6-1) B Stevens 4 run

FORM FOCUS

PUKKA MAJOR 8%1 4th of 5 to Shannagary in an amateur riders' handicap chase at Wincarton (2m 8t, good). LE CHAT NOIR 1 1/st 2nd of 8 to What's handicap chase, here (2m 4t, acrt).

EVENING RAIN 101 2nd of 8 to Wide Boy in a handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, heavy).

Previously, 71 2nd of 8 to King Of The Lot in a handicap chase at Wolvethampton (2m, good), with ROXALL CLUMP (asme terms) 2 3nd. HOLTERMANN 41/si 3nd of 13 to Pick Roundstone in a novice chase at Humingdon (2m 11, good) on panultimete start.

Selection: LE CHAT NOIR

4.15 SOMERFIELD COURT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 2m 100yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: Evens Bean King, 74 Kloseh, 9-1 Bourne Lane, 12-1 Deraroyal, 16-1 Chinese Panther. 1981: DERAB 6-11-6 J Ceborne (Evens lav) 3 Sherwood 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOURNE LANE 26! 8th of 10 to Rum For Nick in a novice hundle at Plumpton (2m, good to farm), with DARAROYAL 25! 9th. KILCASH 10! 2nd of 20 to Cadency in a novice hundle at Westerlock (2m, good). CHINESE PANTHER 36! 13th of 17 to Good Profile

Battery to a short head when 13lb out of the handicap. At Windsor on Monday, Royal Battery made that performance look all the better by winning again.

When Tapatch and Souson made their hurdling debuts at Catterick 13 days ago only a neck separated them as they crossed the line in first and second place.

Souson should extract his revenge in the Clerical Medical & General Novices' Hurdle over the same course and distance now that the penduhim has swung in his favour to the tune of 71b.

MANDARIN 2.20 Errant Knight, 2.50 Shareef Star. 3.20 Dubious Jake. 3.50 Strands Of Gold. 4.20 Whispering Steel. 4.50 Abbot Of Furness. 5.20 Al Sabak.

THUNDERER 2.20 Errant Knight. 2.50 Kirstenbosch. 3.20 False Economy. 3.50 Harley. 4.20 Whispering Steel. 4.50 ABBOT OF FURNESS (nap). 5.20 Al Sabak.

GOING: SOFT

Brian Beel: 3.50 Harley.

2.20 CROXTON NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £2,510: 2m 41) (9 runners)

1 FZU ETPUNT KINGUT 8 (G) M Ppc 8-12-0 R Beggen
2 -1FU MAICH KINGUT 8 (G) M Ppc 8-12-0 R Beggen
2 -1FU MAICH KINGUT 8 (G) Men H Knight 9-11-7 L Henrey
4 -55 LIMP BY N Main 7-11-7 S Earls
6 -P-PU MOYNET 9 K Burley 9-11-7 D Skyrme
6 -8 FP SENCR TOMAS 9-0 Sharwood 9-11-7 D Objorne
7 STORETON BOY T Caldwell 9-11-7 Poter Cativett
8 UP-F WILLIAMSHELD 20 M Brosscot F-11-7 D Gardigher
9 0000 CAMMON'S STORT 77 A Men 6-10-12 J Lodder 45 Errant Kright, 52 Mejor Kinemen, 7-1 Senor Thomas, 8-1 Willense feld, 10-1 Gernegum, 14-1 ofters.

2.50 HOLYWELL SELLING HURDLE (£1,565: 2m) (12)

1 61/ SULDERS GOLD 864 (F) M Pipe 6-11-10
D Richmond (7)
E DS-5 PRANK CALE 23 (V.O) G Jones 9-11-10 E Tierney (7)
2 8800 IMPECIABLE TIMENS 81 (D.S) C O'Nell 9-11-10 4 1032 SHIKAN ROD 14 (D.BF-F) S Norton 5-11-10 V Shirtary (S)
4 1032 SHIKAN ROD 14 (D.BF-F) S Norton 5-11-10 R History (S)
6 OPP DOUBLE-U-ATTCH B D McCain 5-11-4 ID McCain 3-17
7 0002 ROBSTENBOSCH 73 L Lungo 5-11-4 IM T Janks (7)
8 0022 MGHST CUB 44 J Smith B-11-4 IM T Janks (7)
9 0022 MGHST CUB 44 J Smith B-11-4 IM T Janks (7)
10 002 LADYTS FLAG 9 Mis P Morgan 12-10-13 IM K Green
10 00 LEGAL WIN 11 28 F JOSON 4-90-10 J Lodder
11 P POGREYC SELLE 7 M Esting 4-90-10 A O'Hargan
15 DUBLING GOOL 3-1 Shikan KRV (4-1 Emphroson 6)
15 Buildone Gool 3-1 Shikan KRV (4-1 Emphroson 6)
15 Buildone Gool 3-1 Shikan KRV (4-1 Emphroson 6) 5-2 Builders Gold, 3-1 Shikari Kid, 4-1 Kirstenbosch, 5-1 Shereel Ster, 10-1 Night Club, 12-1 others.

3.20 LLANGOLLEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,818: 3m) (12)

22,818: 3m) (12)

12TP CROCK-NAME St (C,Q,S) G Richards 11-120.

12TP CROCK-NAME St (C,Q,S) G Richards 11-120.

12TP CROCK-NAME St (C,Q,S) R Manning 11-11-14

3 /IP- SUPER EXPRESS 482 (D,G,S) R Manning 11-11-14

3 /IP- SUPER EXPRESS 482 (D,G,S) R Manning 11-11-14

4 12SP (N,S) EXPRESS 482 (D,G,S) R Manning 11-11-14

4 12SP (N,S) EXPRESS 482 (D,G,S) R Manning 11-11-14

5 /FIS 545 (F) T Greathard 10-10-12

1 /FIS 545 (F) T G Greathard 10-10-12

1 /FIS 545 (F) T G Greathard 10-10-12

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11 SPP0 BADHAR 15 B.G.S. Mas H Kright S 104 L Harve 12 -F84 FURZEN NELL 58 B.D.G.S. J King 13-100 J Kawangi \$-1 Dublous Jeks, 7-2 Faise Economy, 5-1 Patrico, 6-1 Cro Na-Nee, 8-1 Cattic Trust, 10-1 Sheer Steel, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Pipe, 22 winners from 64 namers, 34.4%; J King, 5 from 15, 53.3%; J Jenkins, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Mes H Knight, 5 from 19, 28.3%; G Richards, 30 from 86, 23.3%; J Edwards, 13 from 65, 20.0%. 25.3 7 Extension 18, 27.5%; N Doughty, 11 from 64, 17.2%; Nr D McCain Jer, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

3.50 HUGH PEEL HUNTER CHASE

1 42-4 DOUBLE TURN 27 (D.F.S) J Jenkins 11-12-4 8 50-2 THE LINESTERADUATE 25 R.S. C. THOMAS TO

11-10 Harley, 3-1 Strands Of Gold, 10-1 Double Turn, Clos Gazette, 12-1 The Undergraduate, 20-1 others.

4.20 CHIRK NOVICES HURDLE

1 2213 WHISPERING STEEL 18 (S) G Richards 5-11-10 2 OS ADMERALTY WAY 14 M O'Nell 6-11-4 P Herito
3 OD ALGARI 19 G Richards 5-11-4 J M Mounting
4 O BADBURY PRINCE 21 J King 6-11-4 J Kuramagh
5 MAZENBERG 226F J Edwards 5-11-4 July Davies (7)
6 MAZENBERG 226F J Edwards 5-11-4 July Davies (7)
7 OF PROMISO 12 (8F) T Table 7-11-4 J May Davies (7)
8 SHOELORN 809F M Pue 5-11-4 D Richards (7)
10 ON THE COMMUNICATION OF THE PUBLISH OF TH PO BLUE YOPAZE 36 M Saunders + 10.5 Miles 1D Jonde
PO BLUE YOPAZE 36 M Saunders + 10.5 V Statistry (S)
BREARAST RICE 1627 B Thomby 4-10.5 R Marriey
OPP DYD 7 F Jorden 4-10.5 J Lodder
MAME TON LADY EFF D Market 4-10.5 L C

4.50 CROXTON NOVICES CHASE

7 P-00 IOR/MERTH 77 E Oven jrv 6:11-7 _______ Device for 8 0404 MAJOR LEAGUE 23 Miss H Knight 6:11-7 _____ D. Hervey 9 /10 SANAMAR 379 (G) T Greathard 8:11-7 W Hernphrays

5.20 CHORLTON NOVICES HANDICAP

1 423 AFFAIR OF HONOUR 84 J J D'Niell 4-11-10
2 0041 MCWA SPIRIT 22 (8) M Saunders 4-112 V SERBAY (5)
3 5025 HIGHLANE LAD 25 T Donnelly 8-11-5 ... M Moloney
4 5243 LLACCA SAM 21 M Eckley 5-11-2 ... Mr R Davis (7)
5 R/J NOM DE FORT 15 R Societ 7-10-12 ... Date McKeomer
6 0012 AL SABAK 9 (V.D.BF.S) N Miller 4-10-11 J Supple (7)
7 QO REMEMBER THE ALAMOS 1J J O'NIM 6-109 N Doughty
8 0540 KHOUCHR S R Woodhoum 4-10-2 ... R Hodge (8)
9 04-0 ASSERURY 14 J McConnothe 7-10-0 ... J Pullin (7)

2-1 Nova Spirit, 7-2 Al Sabak, 6-1 Liscou Sam, 6-1 Highlens Lad. 8-1 Aftair Of Honour, 12-1 Khojohn, 16-1 sthers.

MANDARIN . 2.05 Master Lamb. 2.35 Mismi Bear. 3.10 Shewwal. 3.40 Kanooz. 4.10 Norstock. 4.40 Roses Have Thorns. THUNDERER

2.05 Master Lamb. 2.35 Mianti Bear. 3.10 Shawwal. 3.40 Kanooz. 4.10 Nozatock. 4.40 Magaood.

GOING: STANDARD 2.05 GOVERTON CLAIMING CHASE

(£1,812: 2m) (3 runners) 3 8P63 PRESSURE GAME 14 (B,D,F) K Burke 9-11-2 A Cerroli

Evane Mester Lamb, 5-4 Chief Ironeide, 5-1 Pressure Geme. 2.35 COAN, FOTHERGILL & RYAN (£1,830: 2m 4f) (6)

7-4 Migmi Beer, 3-1 D'Or's Gers, 4-1 City Index, 5-1 Double Tricks, 10-1 Rein De Tout, 14-1 Flint Hill.

3.10 HOCKERTON SELLING HURDLE

22.40, £1.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £29.10. Troses: £280.30. 3.00 (3m 41.80 yd ch) 1, COMBERIMERIE (J Froet, 5-2 fev. Richard Evens's resp); 2, Sconer Still (N Willermon, 14-1); 3, Yingen (N Hewke, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Rubbiss (5th). 15-2 Team Chailenge (6th). 10 Woodgate (pu), Meter Christien, 11 Bit Of A Clown (4th). 20 Bjesun (pu), 68 Toraide (pu). 10 nen. NR: Glass Mountain. 12, 8, 291, 6. 294. R Frost at Buckfasteigh. Tota: £3.80; £1.50, £4.00, £2.50. DF: £38.50. CSF: £33.19. Tricagr: £199.84. 3.80 (2m hdle) 1. BLAV! (P Scudamore, 13-8 fav); 2, Gaeistross (C Llewelyn, 9-4); 3. Cool Run (A Meguire, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Do The Right Thing (5th), 15-2 Zealous Kitten (4th), 16 by Green, 33 Fountain Of Fire, 40 Princess Sheam (f), 100 Confishe, Dazia, Katile Parson (pu), Penierth, Pleesant Company (8th), Prospect Of Whitby. 14 ms. NR: Philostra. 2, 2, 294, 207, 207. M Pipe at Wellington, Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.61. 4.00 (3m 1f ch) 1, FIDDLERS PRICE (Are

Rampion. Total: 211.80; 21.30, 22.00; 23.00. DF: £58.00. CSF: £58.41.

4.20 (2m ch) 1, BOUNDEN DUTY (M Perrett, 8-15 Evg.; 2, Cruite Control (Mr K Hollowell, 14-1); 3, Feather Your Nest (A Tory, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Lyph (I), 25 Comtec Prince (ur), 50 Eghtly Eight (pd), 66 Song An Dunce Man (pu), 7 rank12, dist. G Harwood at Pubborough. Total: £1.60; £1.10, £3.10. DF: £5.60. CSF: £2.15.

5.00 (2m 5f holie) 1, ENBORNE LAD (M Perrett, 6-1); 2, Viscount Tully (V Slattery, 33-1); 3, Free Justice (A Webb., 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Smittin's Gambie (4th), 4 Weishman (5th), 8 As Good As Gold (f), 9 Ru Valendino, 12 Eurocon (6th), 16 Tortsaber, 20 Weismmand, 33 Coxern, 50. Admard, Glien Oek, Kneve Of Clubs. 14 rat., NF: Mediane. 34, 151, 161, 8, 293; G Enright at Lawes. Total: £3.50; £3.20, £18.00, £5.80. DF: £124.40, CSF: £155.15 Tricast: £3517.37.

3.40 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY NOVICES HURDLE (21,315: 2m 47) (9)

1-4 Kanooz, 3-1 My Chara, 9-2 Multihanda, 6-1 Lovely Lizzle, -1 True Dilemma, 10-1 Balmorsi Drive, 12-1 others.

4.10 LONG BENNINGTON CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,438: 2m 4f) (7)

ANDICAP MUNUFLE (2.1,450, 2.11-77), (7)

1 2150 ACROW LINE 11 (8) D Burchell 7-11-10 D J Burchell
2 1144 MORSTOCK 27 (7,5) J White 5-11-6 — A Bales (7)
3 P048 NOSILE BID 26 (8.0.F.G) Miss 8 Witton 6-11-6 — 4

-6P2 STRAIGHTASANARROW 37 (F) Miss J Barles y-10-12

A Mulmoliana A Múmoti 6 5843 GRANNY'S GRIL 6 J Harris 4-10-0.............. J A He 7 P-P6 ALEXA'S BOY 20 T Hallett 8-10-0............ A Wi

4.40 EDWINSTONE NOVICES HANDICAP HURRIE (E1,256: 2m) (6)

1 8301 ROSES HAVE THORMS 9 (CD) D Morris 5-12-3 (Bax)
1 8301 ROSES HAVE THORMS 9 (CD) D Morris 5-12-3 (Bax)
2 2254 GREEN'S SEAGO 13F (BF) J Harris 4-12-0 J A Harris
3 -060 KING OF STEEL 25 N Bycrofi 6-11-5 8 D Wislams (7)
4 ROSS MAGSDOD 9 5 Major 7-11-1 Jacqui Ohlor
5 -0-00 KING SHALDING 27 Mas 5-10-5 Jacqui Ohlor
6 -05 FOURACRE 16 W Haskell 8-10-0 M Birmson 94 Magsood, 7-2 Roses Have Thoms, 4-1 Green's Seego, 6-1 King Of Steel, 8-1 King's Shifting, 10-1 Fourscre.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Pipe, 22 winners from 62 runners, 35.6%; N Smith, 3 from 22, 13.6%; J Henris, 11 from 94, 11.7%; W Clay, 9 from 77, 11.7%; Wra S Oliver, 3 from 29, 10.7%; (Only qualifiers).

JOCALETTE 10 D Wilsems, 1 winners from 16 from 20, 10%; J A Harris, 10 from 77, 13.0%; M Bremsen, 3 from 89, 11.5%; D Byrne, 5 from 49, 10.2%; (Only qualifiers).

Runnere Per cent JOCKEYS
36 30.8 J Frost
14 21.4 J Lesch
29 17.2 Mr P Hacking
20 15.0 H Devise
39 12.8 A Maguire
35 11.4 M Hichards THUNDERER BRIAN BEEL MANDARIN 2.00 Flowing River.
2.30 Couture Tights.
3.00 Elegant Approach.
3.30 The Red One.
4.00 Sousen.
4.30 Nantical Joke.
5.00 Carson City. 2.00 Flowing River. 2.30 Katy Keys. 3.00 Perjury. 3.30 The Red One. 3.30 The Red One. 4.00 Souson. 4.30 Wait You There. 5.00 Carson City. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.00 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURBLE (\$830: 2m) (10 runners) (2830: 2m) (10 runners)

1 F32-100 FLOWING RIVER 55 (D.BF.61) (M Boyd) R Alien 5-11-10 FLOWING RIVER 55 (D.BF.61) (M Boyd) R Alien 5-11-10 FLOWING RIVER 55 (D.BF.61) (M Boyd) R Alien 5-11-10 FLOWING RIVER 55 (D.BF.61) (M Boyd) R Alien 5-11-10 FLOWING RIVER 5-11-10 mouther. Se leste

BETTING: 9-4 Flowing River, 7-2 Robins Lad, 5-1 Hegler, 7-1 Mrs. Jamieyford, 8-1 Red Salle, 10-1 others. 1991: SKELETOR 8-11-4 W Fry (4-1) T Tate 21 ran 2.30 SCOTTISH LIFE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,155: 3m 1f 80yd) (9 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Green Silver, 7-2 Houndy Lad, 4-1 Verificities, 8-1 into The Trees, 8-1 Continue Tights, Katy Keys, 12-1 Knowe Head, 18-1 others. 1991: SAMFEN 9-11-2 L Wyor (11-2) M H Easterby 5 ran 3.00 EBCO MARKETING SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: 2830; 2m) (12 runners) A Gebeury - 50 L Wyor - 36 P Niven 18-19 C Grant

J J Chainn

A Garrity

S Turner

1991; CAXTON 10-12 M Dwyer (15-8 lav) G Moore 9 ran **COURSE SPECIALISTS** Runners Per cent JOCKEYS TRAINERS WITHER 23.6 M Dwyer 23.5 S J O'Neil 20.9 J Calleghen 18.2 L Wyer 15.5 C Grant 13.4 K Jatneon 117 17 54 108 115 25 22.2 17.8 16.7 18.2 18.0 12.0 G Richards Mrs G Reveley G Moore Jimmy Fitzgerald W A Stephenson M H Easterby

3.30 RMC GROUP NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £963: 3m 1f80yd) (11 runners)

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BETTING: 45 The Red One, 9-2 Cowarta Led, 7-1 Vulgarie, 12-1 Amy's Mystary, 18-1 HS Ryde, 20-1 others. 1991: FIRST SHADOW 10-10-11 S Lyons (7-2) M Hammond 12 ran

4.00 CLERICAL MEDICAL & GENERAL NOVICES HURDLE (2886; 2m) (18 runners)

1 0(1044 STAR OATS 13 (G) (A Duff) G Richerds 6-11-10
1 0(1044 STAR OATS 13 (G) (A Duff) G Richerds 6-11-10
1 0 FORF BLOCKPA MELLICUIGA 46 (F Plant) W A September 8-11-3
2 R COSIMO 25 (F Whitehead) J Britest 5-11-3
4 Q/ FUSION 7F (F Sherp) R Earnshew 8-11-3
5 P45 LUCKY AGAIN 11 (A Cairne) W A Stephenson 5-11-3
8 NO DECISION 54SF (D Spence) M W Easterby 5-11-3
7 006005 PPER O'DRUMMOND 60 (S) (S) (Bins 8 Brannells Mrs S Brannell 5-11-3
8 00/0008- PLAY TO WIN 282 (F Gibson) F Gibson 7-11-3
9 355-65U POBINS SON 109 (Flobinson Publications Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3
0 00-00 St MCTECHAM 9 (G Known) A Buff 5-11-3 N Leach (7) 94

K Johnson

K Johnson

G Grant

C Grant

C Flyan

B Storey 83

C Hestine

M Dayer 98

K Harriett (7) 9 335-65U ROBINS SON 109 (Richinson Publications Ltd.) Jimmy Ritz;
10 00-0P4 SILKSTREAM 9 (D G Kruger) A Reid 5-11-3
11 34-906 SILKSTREAM 9 (D G Kruger) A Reid 5-11-3
12 1 TAPATCH 13 (CD.F) (Alies V Forter) G Moore 4-11-2
13 P VANDA'S CREATION 18 (M Smith) M Smith 7-10-12
14 AVRO ANSON 224F (B Stdrior) M Camecho 4-10-9
15 0 BEACHOLME BOY 11 (P Deutton) J Gillen 4-10-9
16 253 DARIKA LAD 141 (J Rocies) A Harrison 4-10-9
17 1 MAPERIAL BIO 55 (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 4-10-9
18 2 SOUSON 13 (W Yen Moopoes) M W Easterby 4-10-9 K Hartnett (7)
T Reed
J Calleghan
A Merrigan
P Niven
D Poole (7)

SETTING: 9-4 Squaren, 11-4 Tepatich, 5-1 Star Cets, 6-1 Derika Lad, 10-1 Lucky Agein, Robine Son, 14-1 No Decision, 16-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.30 ELLIS BATES & COMPANY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,492: 3m 1f 80yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: 5-4 Nautical Joke, 5-2 Change The Name, 4-1 Wait You There, 8-1 Foeton, 12-1 Candy Cone. 1981: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.00 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (\$954: 2m) (11 runners)

BETTING: 10-11 Cerson City, 4-1 Crazy Daley, 6-1 Much, 8-1 First Cruesde, 12-1 Wayton, 14-1 First Cover, 16-1 others.

1991: PIPER O'DRUMMOND 4-10-18 Gary Lyons (5-2 fev) P Calver 12 ran

Going: good to soft

2.00 (2m 51 miss) 1, 815HOPS ISLAND (R

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Durwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Somersaulting (D

Galleginer, 35-1); 3, Master Of Troy (P

Scudimore, 8-1), ALSO RANE 7 Carrelott

Knight, 8 Star Actor, 16 Mr Le Mose (Sth),
20 High Baron (6th), Idelgin's Tudor (pu),
Postman 7-8th, Variett, Stress Mot. oll

Picketstone, 40 Yogi (pu), 50 Bramble

Twig (pu), Mathwais (pu), Mighty Monti,
Ridele (pu), Rusty Music (6th), Seals

Rook, Stay in The Blau, 100 Big Allmatre,
Mission Accomplish (pu), Mr Bear (pu),
Vague Influence, 24 ans. NR: Sucroled

Knight, 15t, 5t, 3t, 3t, 7d, D Nicholson et

Stow-on-the-Wold, Tota: 22-7D; 21-40,
ES, 10, 25.0. DF: 268.90. CSF: CS4.38.

2.30 (2m holin) 1, SALLLY'S DOVE (Martin
-Jones, 4-1 fav); 2, Light-Heerted Lady (B

Cifford, 6-1); 3, Arthurs Stone (M Branan, 12-1); 4, Al Sahil (A Maguira, 5-1),
ALSO RAN: 6 Harry Lina, 12 Millsolin,
Taylors Castle (pu), 14 in-Keeping (pu),
Pant Lin, 16 Vilos Bay, Away From

Reelity, 20 Donna Del Lago, Sesutan

(8th), Captain Mannering (Sth), Thui
chenne, 50 Arapalvo Chief (pu), 100 Red

Planet (pu), 17 ran. 194, 8, 7t, 101 11, R

Price at Leominator, Tota: 24.80; 21.50,
22.40, 21.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £28.10.

Treust: £280.30.

Wyer: Sedgefield win with Stated Case Sedgefield

Sedgefield

Going: good
2.20 (2m hotle) 1. SOVEREIGN NICHE (J. Supple, 8-1); 2. Dencing Days (A Dobbin, 14-1); 3. Relief Map (N Smith, 8-1); 4. Bold Ad (D J Morfatt. 16-1); ALSO RAN-7-4 law Greet Fun (Bin, 13-2 More By Luck, Manse Key Gold, 14 Yorktay (ou), 20 Van (Glory, Powya Prace, De Valera, 25 Majectic Golfe, 33 Rostovol (5th), 50 Avec Coeur, Breast Awry Bridge, Escape Talk, My Lindianne 17 ran Ni? Beaucadeau, Nepper Smith Whal A Card 2*51, 1*51, sh hd, B, 21 Meter at Ferryhill. Tote 172-10; 52 20, 53 50, 51, 10, 52 60 DF 582-30 CSF, 5109,74, Tricast: 5947 37 Winner bought in for 4,800gns
2.50 (3m 21 180yd hotle) 7. STATED CASE (I. Wyer, 5-1); 2. Rostreamer (R Beggan, 11-4 lay); 3. Lavrosky (L. O Hara, 20-1); ALSO RAM, 11-2 Invernata (ut), 15-2 Festuccine (ou), 8 Secret Fenale (f), 10 Vestal Hälla, Hopetul Alda (6th), 20 Now And Then (pu), Bokken Brae, 25 Mandalay Prince (6th), 50 Mascaline (4th), 12 ran, NR? Dapong (8: 5), 141, 51, 141, M H Easterby at Gil Heblon Tole 25 B0; 51.80, 51.50, 25.00. DF: C7 60. CSF; 51.80, 11 casts 123, 25 Relief Knyll (C Spour, 14); 11, 10 Now And Then (pu), Bokken Brae, 25 Mandalay Prince (8th), 50 Mascaline (4th), 12 ran, NR? Dapong (8: 5), 141, 51, 141, M H Easterby at Gil Heblon Tole 25 B0; 51.80, 51.50, 25.00. DF: C7 60. CSF; 51.81.41 Tricast 223, 355

Pipe at Wellington. Tote: 22.70: Ct.10, 21.50, 21.50, 21.50. DF: 22.80. CSF: 25.61.

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22.11, ALSO RAN. 11-2 Invernate (ur), 15-2 Feltuccine (pu), 8 Secret France (1), 10 Vestal Fills, Hopeful Alda (6th), 20 Now And Then (pu), Broken Brae, 25 Mandaley Prince (6th), 50 Mascalare (4th), 12 ran. NR-Dapping 6f. 5f. Vf. 5f. 19f. M. 12 ran. NR-Dapping 6f. 5f. Vf. 5f. 19f. M. NR-Dapping 6f. 5f. Vf

4.20 (2m ch) 1, OBELISKI (J Caliaghan, 3-1); 2, Coamic Ray (P Midgley, 11-4 fav); 3, Moorfield Lady (A Lamach, 14-1) ALSO RAN. 5 Jimmy a Brandy (8th), Terrible Get (f), 11-2 Rapid Stane (pu), 14 Party Prince, 16 Phr. 1 Ceva, 25 Royallet (f), 40 Olnadale Lad (4th), 50 Bay Fox (pu).

MANAGES DE LE PRESENTATION DE LA MANAGEMENTA DE LA MASSONA Mr Pod (5th), 100 Overstep, 200 Beile leile Beil (ref) 14 ran, Nk, 3i, 15i, 5i, 10i, P Hastam af Middlehem Tote: 24,20; £1.70, £1.40, £2.10 DF: £6.50, CSF: £12.13 E1.40, E2.10 DF: E6.50, CSF: E12.13
4,50 (2m 4) Indie) 1, LOTHIAN PILOT (LOTHIAN, 54 fev). 2, Z8(6)-s-Star (A Orkney, 13-2); 3, Balinglance (S Meson, 25-1) ALSO RAN: 9-4 Brackenfield, 6 Kerry To Clare (6th), 20 The Wendy Horse (I), 33 Distinctly Brave (pu), Hurmanby (ap (5th), Smart Pei (4th), 50 Busy Boy, 100 Ormond Hall (pu) 11 ran 2, 15t, 8t, nd, 2-1t, Lungo at Carrutherstown, Toter: E2.50, E1.50, E1.70, E8.40 DF: 56.40, CSF 93.78, NR: Hightendman, Jock's Burn. Piacapot: £572.70.

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Hosts may give Gooch his sternest test to date



A building up the floodlit match against England in Sydney tomorrow as the event the World Cup has been waiting for. Graham Gooch has his own way of marking the occasion in

his diary. Gooch was yesterday asked to reflect on the most recent meeting between the teams at this ground, on New Year's day last winter. Packed house, carnival atmosphere, thrilling cricket was the sort of answer being sought. The England captain, at his most dispassionately deadpan, replied: "I remember we lost."

Losing hurts Gooch. He may forgive those responsible, but he does not forget. The memory of last year's defeat in Australia, the control of the

the general, overwhelming de-feat rather than any specific game, has been a powerful moti-vator for him throughout this tour. And it will continue to be so, for Gooch, while not a demonstrative man, is a proud one.

Already, he has achieved a colossal improvement in the players he denounced a year ago, requiring a wholesale reapprais-al of his side by Australians who

ing. But after going through more than two months of this tour without a defeat, it would be anathema to him for the record

to end here.

Gooch being Gooch, however, he would not publicly say as much. Asked if he agreed that this was the biggest match of the World Cup. Gooch allowed himself a quizzical lifting of the eyebrows before saying: "I wouldn't mind playing in the final." He knows that, to many, this is the final in reheaves! final in rehearsal.

Australia, as a nation, seemed

ready to give up on the World Cup until Sunday. But it is amaz-ing what a single victory can achieve, even a one-run win which owed so much to good fortune that one Indian supporter, back home in Surat, reportedly ended his despair by hanging himself. The effect in these parts has been quite the apposite. The has been quite the opposite. The ground will be sold out for the e tomorrow and authorities in Adelaide, where Australia-meet Sri Lanka on Saturday, say they are now expecting a crowd twice as big as first predicted.

Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, previews

what many regard as a World Cup final rehearsal between England and Australia

jauntiness is back within the Australian team camp, too, Bob Simpson, the coach, yesterday claimed, somewhat obscurely, that it had been his team, not India, which suffered from the

curring theme of the nast week, the view that other countries are simply copy-ing Australia's one-day strate-gies. Whether he was protesting about an infringement of patent is unclear but, by inference, he was suggesting the replicas would never quite match the real

Allan Border, the captain, is too preoccupied to indulge in any pommic-baiting, but he knows he can always leave it to Dean Jones. With the swagger of a man who has finally made a score after a run his own coach

described yesterday as "a terri-ble rut", Jones announced that England had only had three easy games so far. "They'll meet a much stronger side on Thurs-day," he said.

While Jones was disingenuous in hinting that India, West Indies and Pakistan were pushovers, he may well be right about tomorrow. Recent stumbles notwithstanding. Australia are the most polished and accomplished one day team of the past four years and, as Gooch is so fond of saying, good teams do not be-come bad ones overnight.

Their problem, as Simpson and Border readily admit, is that for once they have no settled combination. They have already used all 14 members of their squad but have yet to decide upon either their best batting order or their most effective attack: Healy, the wicketkeeper.

aged hamstring strapped, a cal-culated gamble but a worthwhile one as Healy, for all his volatile conduct, makes the Australians ook a tidier team.

of Marsh, which ought to be a relief all round, as his batting has been devoid of confidence. He is, however, the vicecaptain, and he is also so highly regarded by Border that the captain made a public protest when the selectors, of whom he is not one, replaced Marsh in the final Test against India.

During this competition, with its bewildering travel demands, Border himself is picking the teams along with Simpson and Marsh. Some time today, they have a delicate matter to discuss. The likely outcome is that Boon and Mark Taylor will open

the innings, although an attractive alternative to the one-paced Taylor would be to promote Moody to do the job he carries out so successfully for Worcestership in ope-day games tershire in one-day games.

This would reintroduce the

versatile Mark Waugh and rein-

force the Australians all round, England's XI, by contrast, may pick itself.

Lamb is definitely ruled out, probably at least until the match against his native South Africa next Thursday, and Lewis, in-valuable as opening bowler, middle-order aggressor and out-standing fielder, is struggling to overcome a side strain and could

not bowl in the nets yesterday. Gooch indicated it was unlikethat a second specialist spin bowler would play, which posed a ouestion about what Illingworth is doing here at all. If he does not play at Sydney, where the ball habitually turns, it would appear there is no place for him with the team balanced as it is.

Hick could bowl for the first time in the competition but the onus here will be on Tufnell. He has enjoyed Sydney before now, taking five wickets here in a Test match and three last New Year's day. But Tufnell has never yet played in a winning side against Australia, here or anywhere else. On a ground where he was taunted unmercifully last year, he is anxious to put the record

Co-hosts are one win from semi-finals

New Zealand beat the weather as well as Zimbabwe

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ALL was well for New Zea-land in the end at Napier yesterday, but not before they had spent some anxious hours wondering whether their weather was to deny them their fourth World Cup success in a row. They had banked on beating Zimba-bwe, and did so by 45 runs in a match much interrupted by

The chances are that one more victory from their last four matches -- against West Indies, England, India and Pakistan — will be enough to put New Zealand in the semifinals. If they get there they will owe a special debt to Zimbabwe, who bore the rigours and misfortunes and diswith much good humour.

Had they really set about doing so, Zimbabwe could probably have had the match abandoned, so bad were the conditions during their own last stint in the field.

New Zealand made 162 for three in 20.5 overs after they had been put in and the start delayed by 75 minutes. The rain kept coming, and occa-

sionally clearing.

There was a good and buoyant crowd — Napier seldom receives international cricketers - who entered into the spirit of all that hap-pened, from each removal of

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90WLING Brandes 5-1-28-1, Duers 6-0-17-1, Shah 4-0-34-0, Butchart 4-0-53-1; Durmester 1-9-0-17-0.

Extras (b 7, lb 6) ...

the covers to the scramble which New Zealand had in sure they bowled 15 overs before the rain closed in

Although Zimbabwe had only 18 overs in which to make 163—a highly improb-able target — New Zealand had to bowl 15 overs before being able to claim a victory. Had they not managed to do so it would have had to go down as a "no result", worth one point to each side.

New Zealand's innings was spread over three periods of play - the first of 2.1 overs. the second of 9.1 and the third, when it was raining steadily, of 9.3. In the first

*D L Houghton b Larsen

I P Butchert c Colms b Larsen

E A Brenden b Harris

A J Pycrott not out

A D Campbell c Crows b Harris

M G Burnester not out

Total (7 wits, 18 creas) 105
FALL OF WICHETS: 1-22, 2-41, 3-63, 4-63, 5-75, 6-86, 7-97.

Umpires: J Busitiens (Sri Lanks) and K Liebenberg (South Africa).

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race (fb 9, w 3, mb 1)

they scored nine runs for the and in the third 110 for the

loss of Jones. Zimbabwe began by hav-ing favourable conditions in which to bowl and ended at a hopeless disadvantage, the ball being like a bar of soap by then and the outlield just as slippery. By the finish they were entitled to feel that they had had the worst of the luck. The partnership which

took New Zealand out of Zimbabwe's reach, between Jones and Crowe, produced some remarkable batting. Together they added 129 in 14 overs, the last 110 of them at 12 an over. Crowe's undefeated 74, made off 43 balls, was a devastating exhibition of cal-

culated aggression.

Greatbatch and Jones had launched the attack, Jones making 57 in only 57 balls before falling to what, in the shish and the rain, was a wonderful running catch by Waller in front of the sight screen. But it was Crowe who was virtually uncontainable. As captain and batsman he is having the time of his life after several weeks when nothing seemed to go right



Matthews turns down Surrey

OVERSEAS CRICKET BY SIMON WILDY

SURREY have yet to acquire a replacement for Waqar Younis as their overseas player this summer. Their first choice, Craig Matthews, the Western Province captain, has turned down the offer of a one-year contract. Another South African candidate, Tertius Bosch, of Northern Transvaal, has been deemed an unsuitable successor to Waqar, whose devastating bowling will be confined to the Pakistan touring team. Dilip Vengsarkar, the Indian batsman, consoled himself over his omission from his country's World Cup squad with a career-best score in the Ranji Trophy quarter-finals. Vengsarkar hit 284 as Bombay (721) took a decisive firstinnings lead of 491 over

Madhya Pradesh. Bombay were joined in the semi-finals by Delhi, who beat Bengal by an innings and 168 runs. Two of Delhi's three century-makers in their total of 633 were players principally known for their bowling, Vivek Razdan and Atul Wasson Wasson was betting at No. 10.

Western Australia and New South Wales are favourites to take part in the Sheffield Shield final after comprehensive wins at the weekend. Western Australia are assured of a place in the final after a ten-wicket win over South Australia în Perth. New South Wales beat Tasmania by an innings and four runs but must win their remaining fixture.

Injured Morris follows Moxon to the sidelines

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

THE extraordinary jinx that seems to afflict England A team captains has struck again. Hugh Morris, who re-placed Martyn Mozon in the role when the Yorkshireman fractured a thumb in Bermyfirst game in West Indies, a 50-over match against Bar-

Morris suffered a bad thigh

strain at fielding practice on Monday. He could also be unavailable for the three-day match with the Windward Islands which starts on Friday in St George's, Grenada. Steve Rhodes will captain England against Barbados. Little more than two weeks ago, Rhodes was playing club cricket in Western Australia before he joined the tour par-

ty after Warren Hegg went down with glandular fever. Andy Pick, the fast bowler, could also not be considered for the opening game today after he strained a groin mus-

et on three different islands in the next formight, including the first, unofficial, Test match. Fortunately, John Stephenson is fit again to be used as a fifth bowler against Bar-bados. Ian Salisbury's greater experience in the one-day game gains him preference ahead of Robert Croft as the spinner. Steve Watkin is the other man left out.

Carlisle Best, now aged 32, is the only Test player in an otherwise young and relative-ly unknown Barbados team. Philo Wallace, another forceful batsman, played in the World Series in Australia before Christmas but was omit-ted from the World Cup

Vasbert Drakes, a newcomer, is already hailed on the island as the fastest bowler in Barbados now that Marshall's pace has started to decline. Drakes will share the new ball with Sammy Skeete.

however, is not as seriously hurt as Morris.

Both injuries, though, have come at a bad time for England. They play 11 days crick-

Amiss is third man on England's Test panel

DENNIS Amiss, the former Warwickshire and England batsman, has been added to England's Test selection panel. He joins Micky Stewart and Ted Dexter, who was yesterday reappointed by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) as chairman of the England committee for two more years.

Since Dexter became chairman three years ago, the pan-el has been limited to two, plus the captain. But Dexter and Stewart have been helped by a team of advisers. In a career spanning 28 years. Amiss compiled 43,453 runs, making him eleventh in the all-time list. Of his 102 centuries, 11 were

made in Tests, of which be

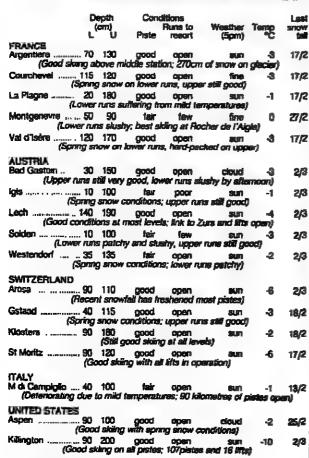
played 50, averaging 46.

The TCCB also decided that Australia's tour of England next year would follow a familiar pattern, with six Test matches and three one-day internationals. All six Test grounds will be used, with the game at Old Trafford being followed by matches at Lord's, Trent Bridge, Headingley, Edgbaston and the Oval.

Arnie Sidebottom, the Yorkshire fast bowler who retired last year, has been offered a three-year contract as coach at Surrey in place of see Chris Waller, who has returned to Sussex (Martin Searby writes). But Sidebottom, aged 37, who won one England cap during his 18-year career, is unlikely

SNOW REPORTS

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SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Champion tries a secret weapon

BY ALIX RAMSAY

A CONFIDENT British team, 15 men and a woman. will follow the trail of its ablehodied compatriots to the French Alps at the end of the month for the Winter Paralypmics in Tignes, after a team briefing last weekend. Graham Peacock, the manager of the Alpine team, believes this is the strongest squad so far. "I am optimistic we're going to do better than the able-bodied team." he said. "We have a chance of three gold medals and certainly we have five skiers who can get into the medal tables. It all depends on the conditions on the day."

Matthew Stockford, the world champion, will lead the men's downhill challenge. He pulled out of all competition

this season to concentrate on

developing a new mono ski bob for the Winter Games. "There is still the feeling that

you can produce your own ski

bob in the garage." Stockford said. "But this is the most

technologically advanced bob in the world."

Built by Alan Clark, a car

engineer, the design owes much to motor technology including the pneumatic suspension. So far it has cost £4,000 in development and testing and Stockford will spend the next four weeks in Val d'Isère putting the finish-ing touches to the bob. "At the moment reliability is a problem but when it's going it's flying," he said. "We should have it ready in time."

The only woman in the

team is Christine Blackmore. a sialom and giant-sialom specialist. She has entered all four Alpine events, but is still unsure about the downhill. "I nearly pulled out of the

downhill four years ago and then decided to go for it and won the bronze," she said. The downhill is the first event and I don't want to riskanything before the other races start. I will have to wait until I see the course."



Off to the Paralympics: Christine Blackmore, Graham Nugent and Matthew Stockford

Hugo de Ferranti's chall-enge has suffered two set-backs in the run-up to the Games. Two weeks ago he broke his shoulder in two places and is now waiting to see whether he will be fit enough to compete by the time the Paralympics start on March 25. "The rest of me is fit enough: it's just the shoul-der," he said. "There's every possibility it will be all right." But if he is fit enough de

Ferranti and his sighted guide, Grant Barker, have another problem. The organisers have decided to combine two classes for the blind skiets putting de Ferranti, who has only ten per cent vision, up against skiers with

considerably more sight.

After a season of preparation, which owes a great deal to the cooperation of the army allowing Barker, a captain in the 17/21 Lancers, time off for training and competition, de Ferranti seems undeterred with the turn of events. "You are only as good as the person you are following," he said. "Grant is ideal, he's a good athlete and we work very well

SQUASH RACKETS

Jansher's late arrival keeps title race alive

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

IN A bizarre episode on Monday night, Leekes Welsh Wizards missed a chance of clinching the Pimm's Pre-mier League title when Jansher Khan, the world No. 2, arrived 20 minutes late for the start of the match against London and Provincial Lambs and was disqualified from first string.

With Peter Marshall, the British champion, already out with flu, the Welsh Wizards had only three eligible players and were forced to concede fourth string.
They lost 3-1, with Adrian

Davies, the Welsh No. 1, taking the only point from a bad-tempered 9-4, 8-10, 8-10, 9-2, 9-1 win over Paul Gregory at second string, and must now beat Adidas Northern in Manchester next week to prevent Lambs overtaking them by winning their final fixture, against Vasari Cannons.

Jansher was delayed travelling to London from Madrid, via Amsterdam, after win-

championship. His misfortune was that league officials and sponsors had gathered at Lambs Club in anticipa-tion of a Leekes win and the presentation of the Pimm's

Tony Fletcher, the Lambs team manager, said that they would have rearranged things for Jansher's late arriv-al. "But we have already been admonished by the League for breaking the rules last week and they were right on the spot this time to take it out of our hands completely," he

"With a full house sold out weeks in advance, it does not do the League, the game nor the sponsors much good to cancel main-auraction rubbers by inflexible application of punctuality rules. We need to rethink this regulation to take individual circumstances into account." ☐ Jahangir Khan, the world

No. 1, has been forced to pull out of the German Open in Cologne later this month ning the Spanish Open because of a back injury.

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picked up more than \$120,000 in winnings, and 15 A. T. 李 温度 3 平。" earned a further \$450,000 40 from sponsorship and en-San Delica dorsement deals. For Nik Baker and Chris-tine Spreiter, the money and on the second hard work necessary to an impression on the ranking 建定款 诗 The State of the S lists were put in last season. A string of good results saw Baker jump from the lower 200s to finish the year ranked 25th in the world and trans-# * * 100 mg form his fortunes from being a parent-funded privateer to 94. becoming a fully sponsored professional. Spreiter stands fifteenth and is poised to climb in the women's world tour after a similar series of

> Julian Anderson, who joins them at Almanarre, is trying year."

McManaman and Marsh recover from injury

Souness ponders how to use his limited resources

FROM CLIVE WHITE DESERVOA

THE good news here yesterday was that Liverpool's most recent invalids, Steve Mc-Manaman and Mike Marsh, are fit to take their place in the side to face Genoa in the first leg of their Uefa Cup quarter-final today. There is no bad news, apart from the fact that Liverpool are still without more than half a team and that they will not even be able to put a full complement of substitutes on the bench.

Indeed, Liverpool's first meeting with Italian opposition since the Heysel stadium disaster in Brussels seven years ago, finds them in an unprecedented state of im-poverishment. The four foreigners' rule now in place in European football has only further undermined and and, if they manage to escape with no more than a single-goal defeat, it will be an achievement to rank along-STREET UNIN IN INCLUDING side those of some of their finest in what was an unbroken sequence of 21 years in European competition until

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, can hardly be blamed for playing his cards, such as they are, close to his chest, declining to reveal the team that he, at least, appears to have arrived at while the the continue to play the

As a one-time performer of some repute in this city with Sampdoria, the natural enemy of the Rosso Blus with whom they share the same stadium, Souness is only too aware of the pressure which the Italian character can

Quarter-finale: Gence v Liverpool: BK1903 Copenhagen v Torino; Signa Clomouc v Real Macirid; AA Ghent v Alax. It is Gence's first European campaign, Liverpool are old hands but have never beaten an Raisen team on Italian soil, except on penalties. No Italian team hee beaten them at Anfald.

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Mr: League (9); Cup (1). Path to fourth round. Rad 1 v Reel Ovisdo (Sp) A 0-1, H 3-1; Rnd 2 v Dimezo Bucharest (Rom) H 3-1, A 2-2; Rnd 3 v Steams Bucherest (Rom) A 1-0, H 1-0. Scorera: Aguillera 4, Stathravy 3, Branco, Cariccia.

bring to bear upon their own teams. "If we can gain any advantage by keeping them in the dark, I am prepared to do that," he said.

The choice that seems to face Souness is whether to be bold or cautious: if he opts for the former, he will probably deploy two forwards, Mo-Manaman and Saunders; if the latter, just one up front with an orthodox four-man midfield which, in any event, is likely to feature Walters. another to strike his name off the casualty list.

Assuming that Nicol and Houghton, who appears to have recovered from a minor injury that kept him out of the goalless draw at home to Southampton on Saturday,

non-nationals must surely be from Grobbelaar, Molby and

There must be a temptation for Sources to drop the Rhodesian born Grobbelaar in favour of Hooper, but the latter has only recently recovered from injury and it is questionable whether he is experienced enough to survive what is likely to be quite an ordeal in the atmospheric Luigi Ferraris stadium.

It could be that Souness will ask McManaman, a virtual novice in terms of European competition, to burden sole responsibility for Liverpool's attacking options, de-spite the fact that Saunders has recorded nine goals in European ties this season.

"He is a young player with a lot to learn," Sounces said. "His form is up and down, as you would expect, but he is English, he is a forward and he is available, so he's a key man. It is difficult to gauge the threat posed by Genoa, a surprise entrant in the com-petition this season, whose own form has declined sharply in recent weeks. However, there is no doubting their quality with players like Skuhravy, the Czechoslovak, and Branco and Aguilera, the South Americans, in their

Sources did his best to look on the bright side and said that he was uplifted by the recovery from injury of Marsh and McManaman. "At least we've got some young experienced players who have played in Europe before, even if it was just on their Spanish holidays.



Benfica will miss their absentees in European Cup

BY PETER ROBINSON

behind Sampdoria, of Italy,

can expect to spend an eve-

ning on the defensive against

Panathinaikos in Athens,

and Sampdoria themselves,

although brimming with con-

fidence, may need to be care-

ful during a tricky visit to

Anderiecht will be without

play Anderlecht in Brussels.

their goalkeeper, Filip De Wilde, the midfield player, Charly Musonda, and the

suspended forward, Johnny

Bosman, but remain a formi

dable prospect at home. Nii Lamptey, from Ghana, could give the Italians an early

taste of the skills that may yet take him to Serie A in the

The Spanish league lead-ers, Real Madrid, have one

of the hardest tasks of the

week and are suitably wary.

Away to Signa Olomouc in the Uefa Cup. Real have dropped Hugo Sanchez for the trip to Czechoslovakia.

coach.

Beenhakker, blamed the Mexican's lack of pace for the decision and added that

his team was worried about

Sigma, who won 7-1 in a

league match at Spartak Trnava at the weekend.

Torino, who play at BK

1903 Copenhagen, may have to do without their captain, Roberto Cravero, while the

Danes may play Ole Kjaer, the former international on

loan from Esbjerg, in goal.

AS Monaco visit AS Ross

in the Cup Winners' Cup at

full strength, but with a warning from their coach, Arsene Wenger, ringing in their cars. They [Roma] may

not be doing particulary well in the Italian league at the

moment, but they have an experienced squad and for-

wards who are real pros. They know all the tricks," Wenger said yesterday.

also appears not to be a part of Milan's plans for next

The Marseilles president,

Bernard Tapie, denied any move was imminent yester-

day, saying: "Milan are one

Nothing has been signed." Nevertheless, according to

Berlusconi, Papin will be

part of a Milan team capable

of staging an irresistible drive to both the Italian league championship and the European Cup. The 26-strong squad would include at least five overseas players—of whom only four will be

able to play at any one time
— and Papin would join Marco van Basten, Ruud Gullit.

Frank Rijkaard and the Yu-

goslav, Dejan Saviceciv, from Red Star Belgrade, plus a number of newly acquired

Reports in Italy yesterday claimed that Des Walker, the

Nottingham Forest defend-

er, would soon be joining Sampdoria. Walker, aged 27, has also been linked with

Juventus and, latterly,

Keles (Car) bt K Piccoleri (It), 6-1, 6-4; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt B Fulco-Villela (Arg), 7-, 6, 5-1; N Baudone (It) bt M Werdel (US), 7-, 1, 7-5, P Thoren (Fin) bi L Savchenko-Nelland (Lstvia), 6-2, 6-1; M Kidowalu (Japan) bi L Harvey-Wild (US), 5-4, 6-4; H Colli (US) at M Jackson-Nobrega (US), 6-1, 7-5

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Milan claim that

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FEW clubs can boast a European pedigree to match that of Benfica, but, on the eve of the Portuguese champions' latest foray into the European Cup, few can claim to be suffering as many problems either. While preparing for Sparta Prague's visit to the Stadium of Light tonight, Benfica have been grappling with a selection problem complicated by recent inju-

ries and supensions.

Languishing at the bottom of the semi-final group B, with just one point after a defeat away to Dynamo Kiev and a draw with Barcelona. Benfica must beat the Czechoslovak side to retain any hope of reaching the final for the third time in the last five seasons. Yet already they know will be without the midfield player, Vitor Paneira, and the forward, Cesar Brito, because both are

suspended.

There are also injury-doubts about several other players, not least Sergei uran, the Ukranian formeryuran, the Ukraman formatly of Dynamo Kiev, and Isalias Soares, a Brazilian international, both of whom were so influential in the side's outstanding performance of the exagent on far. mance of the season so far, against Arsenal at Highbury

earlier in the comeptition.
Nevertheless, their Swed-ish coach, Sven-Goran Eriksson, is looking on the bright side. "The match against Sparta is decisive for Benfica to reach the final" he said yesterday. "In spite of all the things against us I'm optmistic, since our team always rises to the occasion." Sparta will be at full strength but short of match-practice, after a lengthy winter break.

The European Cup-hold-ers, Red Star Beigrade, who are joint-second in group A

JEAN-Pierre Papin, the pro-lific goalscoring captain of Marseilles and France, could

part of a £25 million overhaul

of what is perhaps already the finest team in Europe.

been steadfastly coy about their plans for Papin, the Mi-lan president, Silvio

Monday night that the

Frenchman would be head-ing for the San Siro stadium

Milan, he said, have ob-tained a "first option" on Papin with Marseilles, but

the transfer proper could be

confirmed within a month, perhaps on March 17 when Milan play an exhibition with Marseilles.

Details of any fee involved

will have to wait until then, but the deal would be worth between £8 million and £10

million, with the Croatian midfield player, Zvonomir Boban, moving from Italy to the south of France in partexchange. Boban is on loan with Bari, but has long been a target for the French. He

in the summer.

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BADMINTON

Promise of cash to assist players

CIRO Ciniglio, the England team manager, said yesterday that the Badminton Association will spend money to keep pace with the Asian players, whose domination of world badminton has increased markedly in recent

Ciniglio's comments were made when Steve Butler, his ioint No. 2 men's singles player, was drawn against the op-seeded world champion. Xhao Jianhua, in the first round of next week's Yonex All England open championships at Wembley.

Butler, who is recovering from thrombosis in his left leg, still hopes to be fit to play the Chinese left-hander next Wednesday, but to survive he will need to repeat last year's exceptional performance when he overcame Eddie Kurniawan, of Indonesia, then the world grand prix

title holder. ,
The draw, which includes a repeat of the Commonwealth Games women's singles final in the first round - the English champion Fiona Smith against Denyse Julien, of Canada — has generally brought little comfort for home players, which prompt-

ed Ciniglio's remarks. "England will not be left standing. I have been given great support by Geoffrey Snowdon, the chief executive of the Badminton Association of England, and we are going to spend money on our play-ers to be prepared for this kind of opposition," he said.

IN BRIEF

Golfers to play for £1 m again

Open Championship at Muirfield could break the £1 million barrier for the second

year running.
The Royal and Ancient Golf Club paid out £100,000 on top of its official £900,000 prize fund at Royal Birkdale last year because of the rule that allows all golfers within ten strokes of the lead to play in the final two rounds. The Royal and Ancient secretary. Michael Bonallack, said yesterday that the rule will remain in force.

Right forumla

Motor racing: The Italian Formula One team, Andrea Moda, can race in the Mexican grand prix on March 22 if it enters a new car and pays a \$100,000 bond.

Record double

Swimming: Anita Nall, aged 15, twice broke the world 200 metres breaststroke record at the United States Olympic team selection meeting. Nall improved her record to 2 min 25.35sec in the final.

Phillips's pledge

Equestrianism: Captain Mark Phillips said he would continue to act as a selector for the British three-day event team at this year's Olympics, even though he has accepted a post with the Spanish equestrian squad.

Last performance

Ice skating: The Olympic silver medal dance pair, Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay, will bring the curtain down on their amateur career at the world championships at Oak-land, California, from March

Alen takes lead

Motor rallying: Markku Alen, of Finland, took the lead after the opening stage of the five-day Portuguese Port Wine Rally.

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Spurs dismissed as a one-man band centre forward, to operate

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

TOTTENHAM Hotspur have been given an additional point to prove in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final against Feyenoord here tonight. They are reported to have been dismissed by the manager of their opponents. Hans Dorjee, as little more than a one-man band.

Gary Lineker, needless to say, is alleged to be the lone special talent in the team. The rest of his colleagues are supposed to be industrious foot soldiers, whose duty is to supply him with suitable ammunition when they are not involved in the equally mundane task of protecting their goalkeeper, Eric Thorstevdt. Peter Shreeves has been

taken aback by the appraisal. which amounts to an insult to his team. "I am surprised that he

THREE of Britain's leading

windsurfers have travelled to

a competition in Almanarre,

South of France, in a concert-

ed effort to break into the top

ranks of the professional sport this week. Lack of wind

delayed the schedule but the

The rewards are high,

on this event alone; just a

small slice of the \$3 million in

prize-money available during

this year's world tour. Last

year, Bjorn Dunkerbeck, the

Spanish world champion.

event should resume today.

should say such things." Shreeves said yesterday and IN ROTTERDAM ... wondered whether the comments had been twisted during translation. Nevertheless the Tottenham manager intends to use them as a conve-

nient spur to his own team. "I can't see what he has to gain by using those words but they might be of some use to me," he said. Tottenham might be in need of an incentive, too, since their last candle of domestic hope was extinguished during the protracted Rumbelows Cup semi-final on Sunday.

A two-hour slog around a paddy field known as White Hart Lane was scarcely the most appropriate build-up, especially as the occasion against Nottingham Forest ended in defeat and with four players requiring treatment. By contrast, Feyenoord have been able to put their feet up

- Gary Mabbutt, Terry Fen-

to get a foothold on the same

ladder to success, as are two

other British boardsailors.

Jamie Hawkins and Guy

Cribb, who failed to win invi-

All are world-class sailors.

Hawkins is the world youth

champion; Cribb won the

British youth championship

last year and finished second

in the European regatta,

while Anderson was second

in the funboard world

"Breaking into the profes-

sional ranks is a catch-22

situation," Ben Oakley, the

national windsurfing coach,

says. "Each faces a £20-30,000 set-up cost to get the

right equipment before they

Anderson, Hawkins and

Cribb complain that British

sponsors, who have support-

ed them at funboard events,

are not interested in their

racing abroad. To break into

the professional ranks, they

have to start from scratch in

low-key events hoping for a

wild-card entry to a big regat-

Rob Pickstock, the world

tour manager, sympathises

but says: There are more

than 2,000 people trying to break into the ranks each

ta such as Almaname.

even start to think of travel

and campaign costs."

championship in Norway.

tations to the French event.

WINDSURFING

Britons try to pull

out of the troughs

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

goalless draw.

suspension. "As soon as they lose the ball, they retreat," Shreeves on penalties".

for 10 days.
At least the four casualties

Lineker.— will probably all be available for a match which promises to be far from eventing the view of their manager, Feyenoord are expected to play for no more than a

Shreeves has been advised by his Dutch contacts that that is the limit of their ambitions. The evidence of their progress in the competition so far strongly supports local icnowledge. Feyenoond have claimed only one goal in their four ties and the scorer, Bosch, is presently under

said. "Not just to the halfway

line but way beyond that, deep into their own territory. Apparently, they will go for a goalless draw at our place as well and see if they can get by Feyenoord will leave Kiprich, their Hungarian

POOTBALL

PORTUGUESE CUP: Sporting 0, PC
Porto 1; G8 Vicente 1, P- Ferreira 1;
Pensifel 2, Torresrae 1; Chaves 0,
Espirato 0; Boarista 3, Feasmande 0;
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REAL TENNIS

JD WARD NATIONAL LEAGUECusen's Club bt Deinhard Orstory, 2-1
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Hayward, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; M Howard lost to M
Eacle, 2-6, 1-6; North Oxford BMW to
Mortelin Morradi/Learnington, 2-1
(North Oxford BMW names first): L
Deucher bt K Sheldon, 2-6, 6-6, 6-5; S
Ronaldson lost to M Devine, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6;
A Oliver bt S Brockenshew, 8-5, 8-4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): De-troit Pistons 99, Washington Bulleta 80, Golden State Warriors 118, Secremento Kinga 98.

SQUASH RACKETS

PIMM'S PWEMIER LEAGUE Part divi-sion: L & P Lumbs 3, Lockes Wirzards 1. (B Martin bt P Wittlook, 5-9, 9-7, 93, 9-5; P Grogory lost to A Daviss 4-8, 10-8, 10-8, 2-9, 1-9; B Sesson bt P Carter 9-3, 8-2, 9-0); Vasan Carnons 4, Lynic Syrbiton 0; A a Presches 2, Addish Neutran 2, Masse Priory 2, North Westham 2,

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largely on his own. He scored three of their five goals in their last fixture, but they Arnhem, whose defence was by all accounts as solid as a deckchair in a storm. Feyenoord's own rearguard

is clearly stronger. Built around the experienced Metgod, formerly of Nottingham Forest, they have main-tained 18 clean sheets this season. They also have a muscular marker, de Wolf, whose sobriquet is even more sinister. He is hailed by the supporters in de Kuip stadium as Rambo".

His specific job is to guard Lineker and, ominously, he insists that he will use "all of my power to stop him". According to Dorjee, that should take care of Tottenham's challenge tonight, but his strident opinion maybe about to be revised by the likes of Gordon Durie and

BOXING

HELSNetC: World Boiding Federation (WBF) middleweight championship: Darm Mores (US, holder) bt Jorge Meyeonet (P Ricc), nic 10th Husey-weight (non-bite, & mdu). Alexander Popov (CS) bt Mike Davin (US), pts.

CRICKET .

Paul Stewart.

ek occasions, Spurs with the advantage: European Cup Rnd 1 (1981/2) — H 1-1, A 3-1; Lieta Cup Rnal (1973/4) — H 2-2, A-3-2; Ueta Cup Rnd 2 (1983/4) — H 4-2, A-2-0. Feyapport have never won at White Hart

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR Domestic hone: League (2); FA Cup (8); Los Cup (2). garopean hons: CWC 1963; Uela Cup 1972, 1984, finalista 1974. Path to third round. Prelin Rnd v Sperkeses Stockersu – A 1-0, H 1-0; Rnd 1 v Hajduk Split – A 0-1, H 2-0; Rnd 2 v PC Porto – H 3-1, A 0-6, Socrets: Dune 3, Lineker 2, Mabbutt, Turtis.

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INDIANAPOLIS: US Olympic team se-legion: 200m brasistrothic A Mai, Zmin 25 35eec (world record) BRITISH GRAND PROC RANGINGS

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Victoria 350-8 dec and 230-5 dec (D Lehmann 137 not out; G Rowell 2-39); Cusensland 235 and 228-5 (S Law 82 not out, M Hayden 44; T Dodemande 3-58). Match drawn. ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NIHL): New York Rangers 7. New Jersey Devilo 1; St Louis Blues 5, Vancouver Conscis 3

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Anita Nall: swimming world record at 15

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(Neth) bit R Fromberg (Aus), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3

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EDWILS

LONDON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES SHIELD: Third round: Desborough (Maderhead) 70, Whitelwights 66; Hourslow 77, Old Coulsden 65; Arun 77, Atheriey 83, Mole Park 51, Cyphers 84; Berking 81, Paddington 85, Claction 67, Falcon 79, Cheshum 72, Herte 81, Lawson Park 75, Cambridge Chesterton 80

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RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third distalon, Whiteleven y Barrow (7.80). CLUB MATCHES: Kelso/Jed-Forest v La Plata (Arg) (7.15); Maasteg v South Wales Pelica (7.15); Met Polics v The Army (2.39); Northampton v Bridgend (7.15); Pontypridd v Bristo (7.15); Royal Navy v Cornwall (at Devenport); Swanese v Penarth (7.0). UNIVERSITIES MATCH: English Welsh (at Brigtol, 7.15). OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carisberg National Lague: Men: First division: Leoester Riders v London Towers. Second di-vision: Barnsley Generals v Bury Lobos. 90WLS: EBA v EBA (at Camborley 230).

BOXING: Bantamweight bout: Billy Hardy (Sunderland) v Chris Clarleon (Hull) (McEwans IC, Houghton-le-Spring). SOUASH RACKETS: SRA Women's TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor autelite Musters (Easthourse).

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Robson fit for Rumbelows Cup match

Ferguson looks forward to a Wembley return

WITH a degree of reluctance that was perhaps understand-able, Alex Ferguson, the man-ager of Manchester United, yesterday relived one of his more painful memories, as he sought to prepare his side for tonight's Rumbelows Cup semi-final, first leg, against Middlesbrough, of the sec-ond division, at Ayresome

Last season, United reached the final only to be defeated at Wembley by Sheffield Wednesday, then also a second division team.

"My players are anxious to make amends for last season, when we blew it at Wembley," Ferguson said. "We could not have a better incentive than a final against Nottingham Forest. We are all keen to go back and there is a good feeling within my squad at

Ferguson admits that his team faces a difficult task.
"We certainly will not have it easy up there but I do believe that we are capable of win-ning not only this game but also the tie. There will be a tremendous atmosphere and hopefully that will serve to inspire us as well as

Ferguson received mixed news about the fitness of the casualties in his senior squad after a training session yesterday morning. Bryan Robson, who missed

Saturday's drawn game to make a change on the against Coventry City substitutes' bench, where the

AT NEVINS INISTRADOR

his inability to command a

regular first-team place for

Everton yesterday led him to

join Tranmere Rovers on a month's loan. The Scottish

international winger will be

available to play in the club's

home game against Port Vale

on Friday.

John King, the Tranmere manager, said he was sure Nevin would give his second division side a lift after a run

of poor performances.

Whether the club, which made a loss of £546,773 in

because of a calf strain, has declared himself fit while Schmeichel, the Danish international goalkeeper, who has missed the last two fixtures because of a hand injury, will also return.

However, Andrei Kanchel-skis, the Ukrainian winger, has been ruled out by a dam-

Mark Hughes, the Welsh international forward, who has done so much to sustain United's attempts to win the League championship, will miss the second leg at Old Trafford next Wednesday, because of suspension.

United have failed in a bid or rearrange their League game against West Ham United at Upton Park for the coming Saturday. Local police said they had been given insufficient notice.

Norwich City's leading scorer, Robert Fleck, is hop-ing to shoot his side to a fourth successive win at Coventry tonight and put them in the ideal frame of mind for Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final at Southampton. Fleck, who has 18 goals this season, said: "Coventry are one of those sides we never seem to do well against. It seems we nearly always lose when we go

The Norwich manager, Dave Stringer, names an un-changed side for the game at Highlield Road but is forced

afford to take Nevin, who cost

Tranmere try Nevin

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Norwich Union Healthcare offers you a range of schemes which are specifically tailored to your requirements, midfield player Steve Ball re-places Robert Ullathorne. Oldham Athletic's Norwe

gian international defender Gunnar Halle, will probably miss the rest of the season Halle has played only one game in five months after tracturing his right leg. He got another bang in training and is to go into hospital for a bone graft operation.

☐ Sheffield Wednesday are to erect a new £1.8 million roof over their South Stand which houses the Hillsborough administration block and dressing-rooms.

Preliminary work begins this month and the project will be finished this summer while office staff move to tenporary accommodation. The club expect to receive a grant of up to 70 per cent of the total cost from the Football

At a later stage, executive facilities and 3,000 extra seats will be added to the stand, increasing its capacity to more than 10,000.

The Football League is "close to an agreement" with BSkyB for a three-year consecutive of the property of tract worth a minimum of £11 million involving live coverage of League and Rumbelows Cup matches from next season, according to Trevor Phillips, the commercial



Schmeichel: will return to the Manchester United goal at Middlesbrough

McGovern links with Shilton

By Our Sports Staff

McGovern, aged 42, was

an important member of the

Forest side that won the first

division championship in

1978 under Brian Clough,

and captain when it won two

successive European Cups

He turned his back on the

and two League Cups.

Everton £900,000, on perma-PETER Shilton's assistant at nently may be less certain. At Maine Road Peter Reid. Plymouth Argyle will be John McGovern, his former colthe Manchester City player-manager, completed a deal in league at Nottingham Forest football club. McGovern yeswhich the legs ruled the heart terday agreed to give up his job managing a Manchesteras much as the head, when he signed Fitzroy Simpson from Swindon for £500,000. based airport services group to take up the post.

Reid, aged 37, who hopes that Simpson will take over when his playing career ends, also obtained Michael Vonk, a Dutch central defender from SVV/Dordrecht '90.

game seven years ago after 30 months as manager of Bolton Wanderers when, after cutting the wage bill and raising cash by selling his best players, he was dismissed in 1985 after a boardroom coup. He turned down several offers to stay in football to move into property management in

McGovern said: "It is a big decision to leave a good job outside the game but football is in my blood. I feel I have to give management another shot and I am certain that I am better equipped to succeed now as a result of my

He said his appetite for the from attending any further games until an independent game had been rekindled investigation has been while scouting for Clough in the three years since returning to England. He has Birmingham have been signed a three-year contract. charged with misconduct by ☐ A sports safety expert.

the FA, and their chairman Frank McLoughlin, yester-Samesh Kumar, could also day called for Birmingham face a disciplinary hearing City to be forced to play their after being asked to explain home matches behind closed post-match comments. The chih has decided to seek a doors pending an indepenpersonal hearing.

Chariton Athletic fear they dent enquiry into the weekend riots at St Andrew's.

may have to postpone their return to The Valley until next McLoughlin, a councillor, headed the team of police, fire officers and planners which season unless money becomes laid down the safety rules at available this week to comthe ground. He said: "The plete the £9 million redevelop-

since the rules were tightened as they relate to wide and short-pitched fast bowling. are not to be discounted. World Cup cricket, page 26 Big profit ahead

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS A THREE-week visit by South Africa to the Caribbean in April was officially announced here and in South

Onus rests on

players in

historic game

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN CHRISTCHURCH

That applied even before they decided the time had come to

rebuild their side. But they have won two of the three games they have played so far this time, and they have waited an inordinately long

time to teach South Africa a

for cricket. As rational a commentator as Tony Cozier, himself a Barbadian, believes

that next month is too soon

for South Africa to be appear-

ing in the West Indies. That is

a political judgment, but it

comes from a sound and sym-

pathetic source. I would rath-

er think, myself, that West Indians will make an idol out

of Allan Donald, arguably the

fastest bowler in the world,

white or black, and that through him they will warm

Since they bear Australia so sensationally in their opening match, the South Africans lack of experience at this sort

of level has told against them.

It is a moot point whether that result or Sri Lanka's de-

feat of South Africa has been

the biggest surprise of the last

fortnight — or, for that mat-ter, South Africa's inability,

since Sydney, to put the ball in the right place. In the years ahead they will

have not only some great black, Coloured and Indian

talent to call on, but also the Lambs, the Smiths and the

Greigs, who have thrown in their lot with England since

South Africa was isolated. Meanwhile, they could have much to offer yet to this World Cup: if, on their day, they can play well enough to throw Australia into confusion their character confusion.

sion, their chances tonight

to their visitors.

These are momentous days

lesson, as it were.

THE impossible dream will come true in Christchurch tonight when, for the first

time, South Africa and West Indies meet as the official representatives of their respective cricket boards in the World Cup. In a few weeks' time they will play a Test match in Barbados. These

are landmarks of our age.
The cricketers of South Af-

rica and the Caribbean have

long played side by side, or

against each other, as indi-viduals, and wished that it

could go further than that. Now, at last, it can, and it is

up to the players themselves

to see that the rivalry which

replaces the barriers is a healthy and a helpful one. If it were to become as acrimoni-

ous as when Australia were in

the West Indies a year ago, the idea of sport bringing

races closer together would

Although they have lost their last two matches, in both of which they failed to do

the basic things adequately, South Africa are probably

fortunate to be coming up against West Indies now. For

their introduction against such opposition to have been

when Holding, Roberts, Gar-ner and Marshall were all in their prime would have been

rather much. South Africans

had a taste of what it would

have been like when Sylvester Clarke played in South Afri-ca, first for one of the disap-

proved West Indian sides that

went there, and then, at dif-

ferent times, for Transvaal, Orange Free State and Nor-

fact, been quite the same

force in the one-day game

West Indies have never, in

thern Transvaal.

seem very false.

Africa yesterday and the West Indies cricket board expects to make its first large profit from an incoming tour for more than 20 years. It may reach £250,000. The South Africans will be

sponsored by British Petro-leum (BP), and other revenue will come from gate receipts and from the sale of television rights for relaying worldwide. The only problem that could jeopardise the first visit by South Africa to the region

concerns the outcome of the Whites-only referendum on apartheid, being held in South Africa on March 17. Stephen Camacho, the West Indies board secretary, declined to comment on what might happen "in certain pol-

He said: "In West Indies apartheid in the past was rightly condemned for what it was and what it stood for. Things have changed and the way has been cleared by govemments, the tour has the backing of the African National Congress and Nelson Mandela. South Africa are back as ICC members and the new United Cricket Board

for S Africa tour

of South Africa has changed everything."

Camacho believes that the West Indian cricket public,

who have never seen South Africans play before, will really look forward to an historic event. He played a dead bat when asked if he was concerned about demonstrations or security. The final detail for the tour's organisation fell into

place this week when a chartered South African plane bringing the 120 players, officials and pressmen was granted permission to land in Jamaica on April 4 and to fly them home from Barbados on April 24. An under-19 South African

team, including players produced from the development programme in the townships, will accompany the senior side and will play matches

South Africa will meet West Indies in one-day internationals in Jamaica on April 7 and in Trinidad on April 11 and 12. A Test match follows in Barbados, starting on Apr-

The West Indian board intends to use the profit to develop the game at all levels, especially in the smaller

Hoddle keeping himself in reserve

FROM LOUISE TAYLOR IN CASERTA, ITALY

GLENN Hoddle will start as a substitute rather than as a sweeper when the English second division XI take on their Italian counterparts

The Swindon Town playermanager had intended to make his first competitive appearance for almost five months, but after aggravating an old calf injury in training yesterday he restricted himself to warming the

Colin Calderwood will instead play at sweeper, although he has never operated as anything but an orthodox centre half. Yet Hoddle said: Playing this system is very important to me."

In training yesterday, Hoddle experimented with Calderwood operating behind the defence, where he will aim to frustrate the like of Ganz — the division's leading scorer with ten goals for Brescia this season.

The Italian side, managed by Sergio Brighenti, Italy's assistant coach in the 1990. World Cup finals, is predominently an under-21 team with potential rather than pedigree. Hoddle's men are much more experienced - Steve Bull and Dariusz Dziekanowski have competed at the highest level - but their problem is whether they will play as a unit today.

While this is the Italians third Serie B fixture this season, England's players are virtual strangers to one A crowd of around 8,000 is

expected today, with the match being shown live on television. Both audiences will be hoping that Hoddle --whose intuitive skill on the ball lifted him head and shoulders above anyone else at training - comes on.

So does the Football League, which believes that this match will prove that there is life outside the Premier League — and know that, in public relations terms, a few defence splitting 40-yard passes from their high profile player-manager would be the equivalent of

BrigLAND B: R Mimma (Blackburt Rovend): D Kurstatus (Swinden Town), a Drysdale (Waldend), M Statin (Barnely), C Colleman (Deby Courty), C Calderwood (Swinden Town). P Williams (Deby Courty), P Kerr (Milleron), D Dzislesnowai (Bristol City), S Bull (Wolwertungs)a Warnderen), P (Rosen (Laborster City), Guidelines: E Nicon (Traumer Provent), Guidelines: E Nicon (Traumer Provent),

Mullin adds to Irish woes by retiring

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BRENDAN Mullin, Ire-For more information on our range of schemes. land's leading tryscorer and complete and return the coupon below or call us free. most-capped centre, is to retire from international rugby. 0800 424242 His decision takes immediate effect and completes what has been a miserable five nations' championship for the nor-I would like more information on the Norwich Union mally ebullient Irish. Mullin, aged 28 and a

stockbroker in Dublin, made 45 appearances between 1984 and this season, as well as touring Australia with the British Isles three years ago. But he, like so many other players, has decided that he cannot afford the time that international commitments require from his domestic

and business life. The Irish selectors, who have watched their team lose their three championship

matches this season, are due on Sunday to name the XV to play France on March 21.

Ireland are already without Philip Matthews, their captain, because of the recurrence of a knee injury. Mullin's probable successor is Philip Danaher, the Garryowen centre recalled against Scotland last month.

Mullin, who played for Oxford University against Cambridge in 1986 and 1987, scored 15 tries in internationals, the last of them against Scotland last season, which terminated the record George Stephenson established in

Bayfield on patrol, page 24

Manchester launches British bid

By JOHN GOODBODY

BRITAIN'S bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games was officially launched yesterday with flashing laser beams and red, white and blue confetti floating down among the vanited arches and dingy Victoriana of Manchester Town Hall.

I stress the word "Britain". because surrounding the new logo, unveiled yesterday, are the words "The British Olympic Bid". It was a perceived weakness of Manchester's unsuccessful attempt to stage the 1996 Games that the whole country, particularly the southeast, was not completely behind the attempt to bring the Games to Britain for the first time since 1948.

That fault, real or imagined, has been remedied since Manchester defeated London to earn the British White to retire, page 24 | Olympic Association's nomithe government's decision to give Manchester £55 million in financial aid, plus a commitment to further money should the International Olympic Committee (IOC) vote in September next year to give Manchester the

Scott: watershed

Games. The government's offices - through ministers at home and ambassadors abroad - are needed to project the bid internationally, while Bob Scott, the chairman of the bid, will continue his wooing of the IOC

Two ministers were present yesterday, with Tom Pendry MP, the chairman of the Labour Party Sports Committee, who was representing the leader for the opposition. Labour has pledged that it will match any commitment from this govern-ment should it win the forthcoming election.

Manchester was euphoric yesterday in the Great Hall, with an incongruous juxtaposition of fading murals of some of the inventors of the Industrial Revolution with a large white backcloth, in front of which sat Scott, government officials and sports administrators.

nouncement last week of government funding was a watershed" in bringing the Games to the north-west. Speaking of the rival cities -Sydney, Brasilia, Berlin and Beijing — Scott said that all of them were winners because of the facilities that would be created to benefit future generations.

"Here they will benefit everyone in the Manchester, the north-west, and indeed the country," he said. An indoor arena and velodrome will be built largely with govcriment money and the area in east Manchester will be prepared for a main stadium, but it will be erected only if Manchester lands the Games, so ensuring the design and technology is the latest available.

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Music teaching out of time

ODCOCK IN CHRISTCHURGE Alexander Goehr calls for an end to the prejudices that have marked a raucous debate about the future of music in schools

> doday the time allowed by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, for consultation over the proposed national curriculum for music comes to an end.

> "Consultation" there certainly has been, if by that we mean the flood of letters, articles and advertising in the national press advocating the merits of one side or another. If nothing else, this dispute shows how far we have come in establishing music as a general subject for school children. The matters being so hotly debated are a long way away from the "music appreciation" classes and singing of "Men of Harlech" which were once all there was.

What led to the dispute? First came the decision to include music in the national curriculum. An "adventurous" report was brought out by a working group chaired by Sir John Manduell, principal of the Royal Northern College of Music. It was rejected and re-placed by a "timid" proposal from the national curriculum Council, which, it is rumoured, had been drawn up by non-musicians.

There followed what now looks like a campaign of protest, with letters to the Press from many wellknown musicians, orchestrated by Simon Rattle, as well as from

The area of contention is now well defined. On the one side is a "practical", culturally diverse syllabus based on making music in the classroom, playing, singing and composing; as well as learning to appreciate not only Western classical music but a wide range of popular and ethnic music. On the other is a more traditional course designed to increase understanding of the great works of the Western heritage and the tech-niques that lie behind them. There the matter rests; now the minister

has to make a decision. In the past, music classes imitated other arts subjects. English was deemed to consist, first, of reading and writing, the com-position of short essays, the study of great books and gradually some insight into what follows what and how authors, schools and movements connect. By analogy, children learn to read music, sing from the printed text, do a bit of harmony. Then they apply this knowledge to listening, sometimes even with a sorre, and "appreciating" by describing what they have

heard and learning to recognise musical forms. All this did and does take place in classrooms. Under this system, learning to play an instrument is generally considered to require one-to-one contact, and is left as an extra to be paid for by parents and generally arranged through private teachers. This kind of personal music-making depends on the attitudes and abilities of parents, assisted by national stan-

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being brave is catching a bus

in central London after 9pm,

or enduring a whole instal-

ment of Just a Minute on

Radio 4. So it was only

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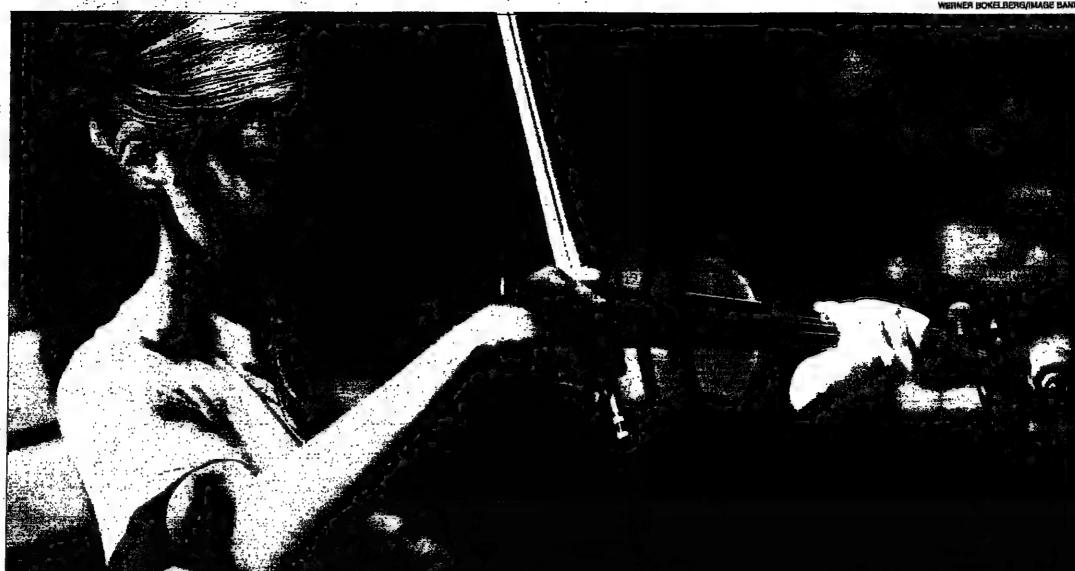
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Sound technique. One school of thought says it is a teacher's job to impart skills and the pupil's right to decide how to use them, while another promotes appreciation of a wide range of ethnic music

dards organised through the Associated Board, which organises grade examinations. These are taken into account when children are considered for university en-trance, in addition to A-levels.

This scheme worked, more or less, but is open to damaging criticism: Middle-class children are often favoured by a system which depends on family support. Moreover, most urban environments nowadays are saturated with music that has almost nothing to do with the music used in the classroom. Children might well get the impression that "taught" music is complicated and dull by comparison, that it does not connect with their musi-

cal experience in the world outside and can safely be ignored. They may then ask why they should not have the music they like in the classroom. Often they will regard the children who do re-

spond to classroom music as a select and effete minority. Teachers, too, dislike delivering only what is deemed to be "good" for the pupil. So they too support some modifications that nod towards the popular culture which

now prevails.

Valuable support for a liberal and practical attitude has come from modern composers in the world of high art music. Such figures as Hindemith and Orff in the 1920s, and later Bartok, Kodaly and (in this country) Britten and Maxwell Davies, have all

in various ways concerned them-

selves with the development of new musical means for class-teaching.

Although different in style, they all addressed themselves to collec-tive classroom music-making. This often involved the use of easyto-pisy and popular instruments such as percussion, recorders and guitars, for which no traditional ensemble music exists in the classical canon. They composed the music, and encouraged the pupils to improvise their own and

to write it down. This kind of activity is seen as a viable alternative to other methods, is not financially prohibitive and excites the children. The problem about it is that only very special teachers can make it work. Furthermore, it is hard to sustain the initial excitement and lead the pupils forward to more discriminat-

ing and varied musical experiences. At the same time, what started as ad hoc local arrangements for instrumental tuition in the schools led to a local-government financed system of peripatetic teachers at-tached to a central authority and run as a school-support system. In its turn, this led to school orchestras (especially in the new, larger comprehensives). special courses and Saturday schools for

the eager and talented. . . . From such arrangements grew the famous schools orchestras such as those of Leicestershire and the London Schools. The gradu-

ates of these arrangements found their way into the National Youth Orchestras and the European Community Youth Orchestra — in which, I am told, negative discrimination had to be employed against British youngsters to give others a chance.

The relic of all this still exists and the astonishing achievements of young British musicians are apparent. Nor are these youngsters just players. The universities

The Asians know that to get on, you must have skills and techniques, never mind their origins

are now full of them and most academic music courses have had to adapt themselves to the needs of a new, almost professional type of

The Manduell proposal fairly represents all these developments, together with what is known as world music", the label used to redefine musical culture without oven ethno-centricity. The consequence is a re-evaluation of the Western tradition.

This may have contributed to the Manduell report's rejection. There is only so much time

busy. It is better to do a little thing well than slough around in an unlimited and undefinable morass of half-absorbed and necessarily superficial cultural phenomena.

Traditionalists, the educationalists of the former communist regimes, and most Asian schools seem to believe that Western classical music has something unique to offer. In Asia, Western music has been separated from its

ethnic origins and is now regarded as world music, belonging to everybody. While we, full of guilt for our imperalist past, want to make welcoming gestures of broad-mindedness and tolerance, the Asians know that to get on, you have to have skills and techniques, never mind their origins. They will win this race as they win

The Manduell report takes a culturalist position, which is where I believe it falls down. It does not set out with the basic aim of equipping children with the means to become literate musically; nor does it sufficiently isolate what factors contribute to the

most others.

acquisition of skills. The best judges in these matters will be the teachers themselves. They can only teach what they themselves know, and the example of personal enthusiasm will carry

weight with pupils. The only thing a national curriculum should do is define

available for music, and pupils are standards. It should prescribe the nature of skills, the conditions of musical literacy (not a simple thing to define). The consultation documents and regulations should be cast in the form of model tests and confine themselves to this. To do this is to avoid the present situation, which only reveals the prejudices of the various combatants in the dispute — and sometimes reveals their embarrassing

> We should not forget the limitstions of education. It is the teachers' job to provide tools and the competence to use them, and the pupils' right to decide how and for what purpose to apply them. At all costs let us avoid ramshackle schemes based on dubious ideologies, unrealisable at the best of times. If we cannot do any better, why not leave things to develop by themselves and concern ourselves with restoring to the battered teachers the sense of mission and enthusiasm they

> might once have had? What can the minister now do? To start with, he could be a Tory. Followers of this philosophy tell me that two of its basic tenets are to limit government intervention where it has no busines to be, and to allow pointless businesses to die, while supporting successful enterprises. So let him limit his interdefine as those concerned with standards of skill and competence. But more urgent is the need to

reinstate the successful support

systems created by the local authorities. It is unlikely that the government intentionally killed them. The plight of the peripatetics results from battles fought against local authorities and the effort to paint the comprehensives (in which the most extraordinary musical developments were cated) in the blackest possible

It is not too late to save the peripatetic systems and, heaven prise. The bullish minister should use some of his assertiveness at the Treasury to achieve this.

There has been little joy in the present dispute, apart from the recherche pleasure of reading a letter from Pierre Boulez about Welsh music education in an advert paid for by Andrew Lloyd Webber. "Progressive" and "re-actionary" teams have kicked halftruths about, when the ball seems to be out of play. Let us introduce some hard realities into the dis-

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TOMORROW: The End of History debate

All alone on an LA highway

stick, the modern-day purchase of an air-ticket to Los Angeles is going to look rather paltry, isn't it? And compared with Amelia Ear-SINGLE LIFE Lynne Truss on hart flying solo across the Atlantic in a rattling crate with nothing but a soup-Thermos and a star-map, the the advantages modern woman's stout-heartof being an ed endurance of an 11-hour scheduled flight (complete with movies and drinks) is unaccompanied emphatically nothing to write traveller Intrepidity is relative, how-

This was the first thing I learnt about solitary travel. by the way: that the habit of tiresome (and bogus) selfcongratulation starts at the ticket desk and never wears off, "Hey, I made it!" you say proudly, as you step off the plane, having done nothing more heroic during the flight than stumble to the loo a couple of times. "Wow, I collected my luggage from the carousel I found my hotel! I had some M&M's from the mini-bar! I turned on the TV and it worked!" This exclamatory tone is a bit

relentless, I'm afraid. "I hired



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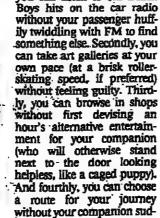
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"Nicely map-read dear," says the driver, calmly applying the handbrake.



encompass this splendid sense of perpetual infantile achievement; I don't know why. Travelling à deux, in fact, is generally a much more sober and grown-up affair, with precision map-reading not only its greatest measure of success but also (alas) its highest goal.

g the handbrake. and that your cats at home Well, thanks very much. It will die of broken hearts



"We didn't get lost at all,

discovered. For one thing,

you can listen to old Beach

"No, we didn't."

denly spotting a scenic wiggly detour just a few miles short of your destination.

The main disadvantage as I also discovered — is that when travelling on fast roads at night it is impossible to drive and navigate at the same time. Something to do with the number of hands, I think. Consequently. on a simple trip across town to Pasadena, you can get so deeply lost on the freeway system that you think the night will swallow you up (just like poor old Amelia Earhart)

got a bit tricky around Nun- waiting for your return. Such eaton, but I think I kept my terrors are feeble, no doubt, head." terrors are feeble, no doubt, compared with those of the stout Victorian lady wandering lost in the deserts of Arabia, describing huge ragged circles in the shifting The advantages to travel-ling alone are many, as I sands. But I can assure you that the cry "I don't want to go to Glendale!" represents the nearest I have ever got to a nervous breakdown.

Perhaps map-reading real-

ly is what holidays are about - strenously mastering streetplans, so that one can always find the route back to the bus station. I admit that maps obsess me; as a founder member of Cartomaniacs Anonymous, I resent and refute the theory that women are genetically incapable of reading maps (although I rather like the notion of dangling a copy of the

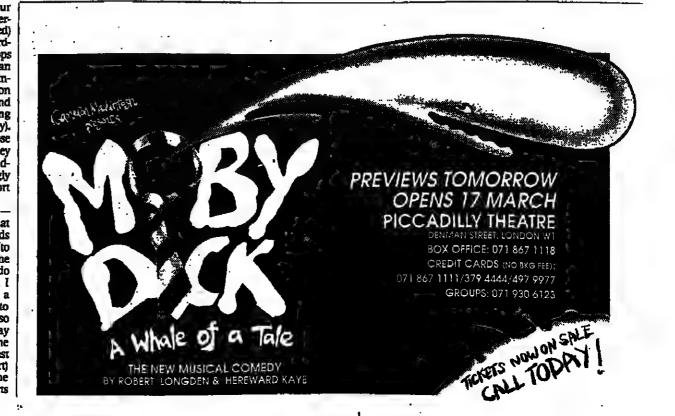
London A-Z over a pregnant woman, to determine the gender of the unborn child. If the foetus shrugs and turns its back, murmuring "Ach, I'm sure you'll find it" it is probably a boy).

So no wonder my night of terror in Los Angeles made

such an impression on me: every time I braked abruptly at the sight of yet another freeway approach, all my

maps slid off the passenger seat on to the floor. Moreover, when I reached inside the glove compartment for hartshorn, there was never any there. Alone and Disoriented Without a Smelling Bottle in Glendale. Perhaps I should make the call to Maria Aitken, after all.

TOMORROW Private Life: John Diamond



THE POCRET DREAM: Connecens Mike McSharre and Sund Toleyig play themms steff who help is hell strangth touring company to put on "the ultimate comic version of A Addammer Alight's Dream?". This new comedy-dream is presented by Theatre of Comedy and includes Louisa Riv and Cilve Manthel from the Whose Line is it Anyway? teem and members of the Comedy Store Players, Opening night. Store Pieyers, Opening night. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-887 1115), 7pm

MOBY DICK: The West End Impresent Cameron Mackintosh has chosen an unlikely take for his next musical project: a bizarra variation on Melville's classic tale of the great white whale. The new musical is set in the Fiftees in a boarding school where the headmistress instructs the girls to write a musical version to raise funds for her impoverished school. The result is then shoots in the mobile intermiting over Impoversished school. The result is then staged in the school swimming pool. Cast includes Torry Monopoly, the pop and caburet artist. The production is previewing and opens need week. Piccagely Theatre, Denman Street, London W1 (071-867 1118), 8pm.

TOWARDS THE MILLERNIUM: The London Sixtonletts and Simon Patite take a programme of less (Three Places in New England). Satis (Parade). Schreiker (Chamber Symphony) and Stravissisy (Regime and Renera) to the three principal cities involved in the 1911-1920 sector of the testival. The concert is repeated at St David's

☐ 'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gorden Kaye and his teem of lumy trops and krauta up to their familiar unities.

Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-389 9582), Mon-Thurs, Sprin, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 130mins.

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CI THE CUTTING: intriguing two-hander by Maurean O'Brien between allent prisoner on a murder rap and a psychiatrist. Fine performances. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3386), Mon-Set, Spm. 120mir

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNAEA: Srien Friel's Cityler Award-winning memory-play, set in Thirtise Donagel. Sentific, Charling Cross Read, WC2 (071-494-5085). Mor-Sat, Spra, mats Thuru, Spra, Sat, 4pm. 180mins.

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Duchees, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Spin, Fri, Set, Ripm and 6 45pm. 130pms.

☐ FROM A JACK TO A KING: With and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to live top, ask in the world of rock bands and packed with Stitles songs.

NEW RELEASES

CROSS MY HEART (15): Wan, authorium. With Sylven Copens; director, Jacques Fanster. Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9881). indicated with the symbol 4) on

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (15): Krzysztof Koslowsić's brillently Brosd commonum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who seem to shere a life. With Irene Jacob, Philippe Voltar. Gurzon Maylair (071-465 6005). ♦ THE LAST BOY SCOUT (18):

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MEN OF RESPECT (18): Mecbeth transferred to the New York under MEN OF RESPECT (10; neccess) transferred to the New York underworld: a lively enough exercise, but a stillborn move With John Turturo, Kalterine Borowitz, director, Walsem Resily Cannon Oxford Street (071-836 (310)

SHADOWS (18) Welcome revival of John Cassavetes's ground-breaking first feature (1959), a tapestry of New York bohemian life. Plus four other file in a transport seator for the file of the property of property

CURRENT AFRAID OF THE DARK (18). Hors Pepice's clever but disagreeable psychological thriller about fear and blindness. With Ben Keyworth, James Fox, Farmy Ardeni.

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tementow and at the Queen Sizabuth Hell on Friday. Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3833), 7.30pm.

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West End gallery. Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton Street, London W1 (071-495 4747). Originals on ahow today, 6.30em-3.30pm.

CREAL BIPTHDAY GALA: Promess Farmond Gubony's 1,010th Barbican concert is an opera gala feeturing sopraro-Losephine Barstow, tenor David Rendell and buritana Donald

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

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souseverd, waster's Court, oir Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2861 after 2pm). Mon-Sat, 8.15pm, Fri late show, 10.15pm, met Set, 6pm. 80mins.

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III THE MADWESS OF BEDGIGE IN: Nigel Hawthome is very fine as a stricken king, but as a whole, Alan Bennett's play does not quite work, National (Lystaltan), South Berls, EE1 (071-828 252), Today, 2,15pm and 7,30pm, 170mins.

MAKING IT BETTER: July Saunders subtis play concerned with locals, restly and Remellen in Progressed London; Jens Asher in an exemplany cast of four. Hampateud, Swise Cottage Centre, NWS (071-722 9301), Mon-Sal, Sprs, mel. Sat, 4pm, 120mins.

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brothers' marvelous measure comedy about a New York playwright all at see. in 1940e Hotywood. Starting John Turturra, John Goodmen. A triple Carrese przewinner. Gate (071-727 4043) Luzzielre (071-836 0801) Sensen on the Hill (071-435 3360).

MLCK ROBE (15): Seventeetin century Jeaunt (Lotheire Bhrimau) frige to convert Indians in northern Cuebbo, intelligent opic from Sinte Moore's novel. Director, Bruce Beresford. MGM Trocedero (071-484 0031) Place 1971-487 pages.

DEATH IN EALINSMICK | 18: Same Netl as an ageing mother's boy euclied into love, violence and ecclidents marker. Yesty black comedy from new Australian director John Russes. Cannon Totochiare Court Road (07)-636 6145) Metro (071-437 0757).

· FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG)

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Short-order cook (Al Pacino) court wary waitress (Michelle Pleiffer). Synthetic adaptation of Terrance McNafy's play. Director, Garry

Cennon Fulhum Road (071-370 2536) Empire (071-487 9868) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

Miximal singling arise by Rossini, Bizel, Verdi, Puccini, Mascagni and Lannosvallo, With the London Concert Orchestra, under Sir Charles Groves. Barbican, Silv Street, London ECZ (071-838 8801), 7.45pm.

LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN: The Royal Opera revives John Schleeinger's venerable production of the Offenback

opers, besed on the stories of E.T.A. Hoffmenn. A strong cast is headed by American tenor Jeny Histley. Jeffrey Tate conducts. Royal Opera House, Covent Genden, London WC2 (071-840 1086/1911), 7pm. BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA: BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA:
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tout (now on state by Covietopo Maicotm). The ceast includes Peter Blaice, Barry Howard, Zalie Burrow and Penelope McGirle, Ather Dartford the show moves to Brackford's Advertion, Orchard Theatrs, Home Gaudenn, Dartford (6382 343333), 8prs.

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TALKING HEADS: Famica Routledge and Alan Bennett exceller three of his monologues charting the unconeclous humour and pain of unconscious hymour and pain of desolate Rives. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-957 1045). Mon-Set, Spn., reste Work, Spn., Set, 4pnt. 150mices.

C A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parado of humbal cidles. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thure, 8.15pm, Pri, Sel, 8.15pm and Spm, 180mins.

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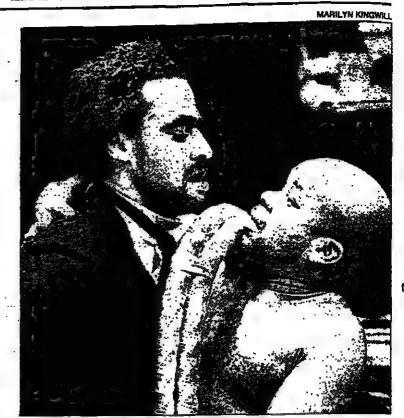
THE auditorium is admittedly not yet as spruce as the facade, which is encrusted with pillars, lettering and what looks like white icing sugar. Nevertheless, everybody must be glad, first, that Holborn's Jeannetta Cochrane is back in full-time business; and second, that it is to be the permanent home of Talawa, perhaps the most venturesome of our black theatre companies. But was it really wise to launch an opening season with a play that its Nigerian audi-ences have found dauntingly difficult and British people of almost every ethnic background are likely to regard as dauntingly Nigerian as well? When he wrote the piece in 1965, Wole Soyinka reportedly planned to call it The Road of Life. And, for all its exuberant detail, the earnest symbolism is evident from the start. The setting is three-quarters a car-cemetery, with bost Volkswagens perchedon rusting Morris Minors, and onequarter a church, somewhat inadequately evoked by a giant triangle of black-and-white glass. The characters include a corrupt politician and a bent policeman, but are mostly drift-

hectically defying death on nightmarish highways and their spare time trading bits and pieces looted from crashes. This is Lagos, Nigeria, and. if seems, the world.

Presiding over the clutter is a frockcoated gentleman known simply as Professor. He was once a pillar of the church and a fierce crusader against sin; but there was a row with the bishop and a scandal about money. and now he forges driving licences in his "Aksident Store". Some of the evening he spends playing lordly power-games with a would-be trucker and his sidekick or "tout". All of it, he is engaged on a search for "the word"; the meaning of life, I suppose, and an understanding of death. Ben Thomas has the supercilious

charisms, the menace, and (finally) the sheer venom to make this quest as concrete and human as Sovinka permits. Yet it is symptomatic of the evening that he should openly and obviously be a young actor, when someone explicitly calls him what the script makes implicitly clear he is: "an old man in a tuxedo". Yvonne Brewster, his director, should have done everything possible to minimise the confusions. Judging by some of the comments in the interval, her production sometimes seemed to encourage the audience to flounder.

For instance, we need to understand that a trucker has knocked down and injured an Egungun dancer, or masked ancestor-worship-



The Professor (Ben Thomas, left) threatens a trucker (Steve Ashton)

per, and then taken his place. But this incident, re-enacted at one point, is neither clear in itself nor is it obvious that we are watching the past, not the present. It is even more vital to know that this is part of the cult of Ogun, deity of drivers, who originally built the "road" uniting gods and human beings. That way, key components of the story, including the presumptuous and blasphemous Professor's eventual fate, might be comprehensible. But there is not much hope of

this when the very word Ogun is casually dropped or even garbled by

the cast. Still. Soyinka has not helped. Seldom have I seen a piece that took for granted so much that was so alien. "Do you know any self-respecting driver who will eat eba without panla?" asks a trucker. When even the recipes prove elusive, what chance of cracking a play's cultural codes?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Behind the betrayal

ers, things, scavengers, and lorry-drivers who spend their working days

THEATRE

Roman/Marys Offstage Downstairs Chalk Farm

THIS is not a play its author should mention if he applies for a job in the Vatican, at least not until a deconstructionist Pope sits on the throne of St Peter and looks afresh at the rock it stands on. The suggestion that Jesus's mother persuaded a reluctant Judas to betray her son gets no mention in the Catechism; absent too is the yet more startling notion that it was she who started the cry of "Save Barabbast", so that her boy would not suffer the fate of all the other wonder-workers who lived to a

ripe old age and were then forgotten.
These ideas are aired in Mans, the as are aired in Manys, the larger part of a double bill that will eventually begin with a third play, a monologue for Jesus addressed to a Roman guard. The guard's answering monologue is the substance of Roman which begins the present programme but does not sit at ease there without its future mate.

Casca, as the author, Wally K. Daly, names him, speaks of his brutal apprenticeship, his "blooding" at the Slaughter of the Innocents and

LAST week, the human voice was put on trial. It began in the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the start of a Contemporary Music Network tour (Coventry, Sheffield, Liverpool and Birmingham to come), in which the points of contact or (inevitably) crossovers between East and West were to be explored.

The idea was to pit those contemporary composers who were considered to have taken writing for the voice far beyond the traditional culture of the West against North Indian classical music as it is, was, and ever shall be. It was an idea that remained an idea. There was no point of contact, certainly no crossover; and the four Western pieces chosen -John Cage's Sonnekus. Pousseur's Phonemes pour Cathy, Roger Marsh's Delilah and part of Scelsi's Cante del Capricorno - seemed, in retrospect, at best cerebral, at worst crude experiments in the light of the high art of the Indian half. In the Wessern works, the voice is

very much the end: in Rajan and Sajan Misra's performance of two

the files on Jesus assembled by the Roman secret service. But there is a second-hand feel to his conclusion that, even if Jesus proves he is the Saviour, he would still crucify him, because the world is not ready for the ultimate weapon of goodness. Seamus Newham plays Casca as a gruff colonialist whose relish for subtlety has not been blunted by the

military life, but though he walks about the stage a bit, keeping out of reach of Simon A. Coxson's Jesus, this account of Roman realpolitik makes a long half hour. Mays won for Daly the 1987 Giles Cooper Award for best radio play— he is also the author of Follow the Star, an alternative and popular Christmas show - and though the structure of two interweaving mono-logues must have worked well on the

Barbara Ewing, playing Jesus's mother, and Helene Kvale, the Magdalene, glide through them.

Cordelia Monsey's direction enables Ewing, prissy and roguish, to create a credible portrait of a woman who is part steel-hard Roman ma-TIGGISHET MOINT and Kvale's likeable, savagely treated whore suggests the simple girl out-flanked by a mother's grim ambition. But what is Daly's intention in this play? Hardly mere entertainment, yet work concerned with Jesus that never so much as hints at his teaching

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planks of Liz Gilbert's set, and

cannot be taken as serious discourse. JEREMY KINGSTON

More ups and downs

DANCE

V-TOL The Place Union Dance Lilian Baylis

MORE can be less. In a collaborative workshop presented last year by The Place and three similar European theatres, Mark Murphy showed a short work with strong movement.much jumping and crashing to the ground — and hints of relationships among the performers. Now he has expanded this to a "full length" piece expanded this to a "full length" piece (55 minutes by my watch, although the publicity claims 70) to launch his new group V-TOL, short for Vertical Take Off and Landing, so-called by aeronautical analogy with all that jumping and failing. The result unfortunately is far less interesting.

The aeronautics are now varied by

being done often over the backs of armchairs or a sofa, but repetition brings out a cliché quality: DV8 and some Continental groups give this style more daring, a greater variety and more meaning.

The whispering in each other's ears

which previously suggested relation-ships is supplemented by more explicit episodes: meaningful looks,

taking off one another's outer garments, imitating sexual activity, dressing again, then repeating the

whole process.

Much ingenuity is spent on posing against a wall which is treated like a floor seen from above, but the false perspective soon palls. Murphy calls his piece Time Spent in the Company of Bad People, but he has nothing to tell us about these people, so it quickly grows tiresome.

I was relieved the next night to see the latest programme of Union Dance Company, the best I have yet seen from them, more for the dancing than the choreography. The "struc-tured improvisations" of Step Up in Tempo allow three male dancers, Michael Joseph, Floyd Hendricks and Robert Ashley Nurse, to show off their prowess exhilaratingly to Steve Washington's percussion music. Brenda Edwards, in a guest appearance, dances with amazing flexibility and freshness in Run For Your Life. and Bunty Matthias's section of Two Track sets the cast moving in unexpected ways.

Tom Jobe provides an upbeat finale with Kicking in Mid-Air, set to recordings of five songs by Aretha Franklin. The male trio to "Try a Little Tenderness" introduces a quizzically wry humour; the rest is mainly showbiz fun, exuberantly done. I wish more of our small groups would remember that audiences generally enjoy being entertained, and there need be nothing downmarket in filling that need.

JOHN PERCIVAL

No passage to India

CONCERTS

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North Indian Khyals, it is a means to a technically sophisticated and spir-itually elevated end. Combining an ascending pentatonic midnight Rag with a seven-note descending courtly Rag, the Misras, with Sanjay Jhalla (tabla) and Binoi Pathak (harmonium) revealed the very essence of Khyal: a word and a form in which thought becomes synonymous with imagination.

Thought and imagination came together happily, too, in the entirely

Western song recital given at the Queen Elizabeth Hall by Margaret Price, accompanied by Graham Johnson. Price's visits are, alas, infrequent enough to create a degree of tense anticipation in both audience and singer. It is this, perhaps, which makes the soprano appear to be rather self-consciously monitoring the voice for the first four or five songs. When she feels the confidence of the

house behind her, though, as it certainly was last Friday night, the voice's full energy and body is liberated. Half way through Schumann's Kerner songs, it began to burgeon: by the time the last three were reached. Price rose to the still intensity of their expression, holding each short line of the last song by the finest thread.

Folksongs and gypsy songs by Brahms provided her with opportunities for both intimate drama and energetic physicality. When Price

enjoys herself most, then so do we. Her encores, including a radiant "Er ist's" were the high point of the

evening.
Stendhal once wrote that the chief glory of Italian opera was its ability to communicate everything through the melody of the voice: the audience need barely know the plot. Rossini epitomised this, as was demonstrated in a Rossini gala at the Barbican to celebrate his 200th birthday last Saturday. Judith Howarth's extraordinarily accomplished "Bel raggio" from Semiramide and Barry Banks's dapper aria from La Cenerentola

certainly proved the point.

The Stabat Mater, though, teaches one to be rather more wary in taking melodic and rhythmic expression at face value. Richard Hickox, the City of London Sinfonia, London Symphony Chorus and Tallis Chamber Choir revealed most skilfully the ambiguities and hidden depths of Rossini's great choral work in a fitting anniversary finale.

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architecture. A formight ago he won the competition for the Inland Revenue's huge new complex beneath Nottingham Castle. Last week the wraps were taken off his plans for new parliamentary offices beside Westminster Bridge. His £30 million remodelling of Glyndebourne Opera House is eaters a trucker (Steel in well under way. London Underground has chosen him as architect for BANKALO CO A POLO CO POR BANKA major developments above Tottenham Court The second of th Road and Victoria Underground sta-The state of the s tions; and in May.

Bedfont Lakes new business park Heathrow. which he has designed jointly with and partners. While Sir Norman Foster, Sir Richard Rogers and James Stirling have earned much

of their reputation with key buildings known for his new Mound Stand at that most English location, Lord's Cricket Ground). At a time when architects are divided into warring camps. Hopkins wins the

admiration of both sides. He is a modernist, a master of high-tech, but respected because of his strong sense of context. "Context is one of the great adjustors. All our early buildings were on open sites, where you can simply park them in the landscape. When you move into town: many more forces, social and physical, come into play," he says. "You find a clue in neighbouring sites. At Nottingham we have taken the 19th century street

His remodelling of Bracken House, the old Financial Times Lakes is like Grosvenor Square building opposite St Paul's Cathe-

pattern across the canal to the

Revenue site. There will be open

streets which the public can walk

Cricket Ground, talks to Marcus Binney challenge of introducing a new main front between Sir Albert Richardson's remarkable traditional façades of the Fifties. At Bedfont Lakes, by contrast, Hopkins has designed an office campus in the manner of Mies van der Rohe's Illinois Institute of Technology. "I'm very keen to develop a low-budget architecture using simple repetitive detailing, I'm

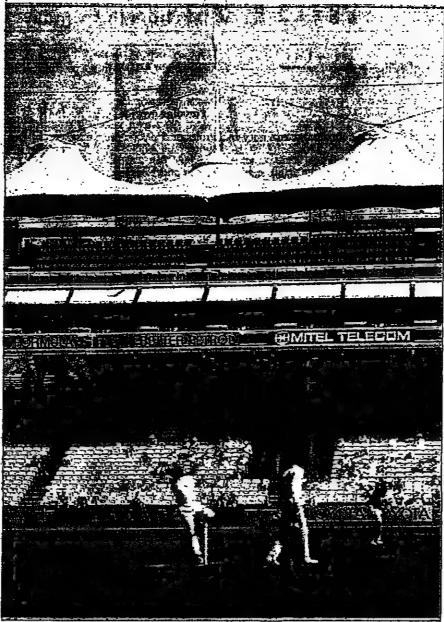
Sixties and Seventies look mean outside, partly because of the low ceiling heights. Hopkins points out that, with their computer cabling and air conditioning, today's offices offer the architect more generous dimensions. "The materials available today are also much better than scalants and paints are much more re-

Michael Hopkins: a When architects modernist, but with a of the Mies generation built high-rise, sense of context Hopkins says, they

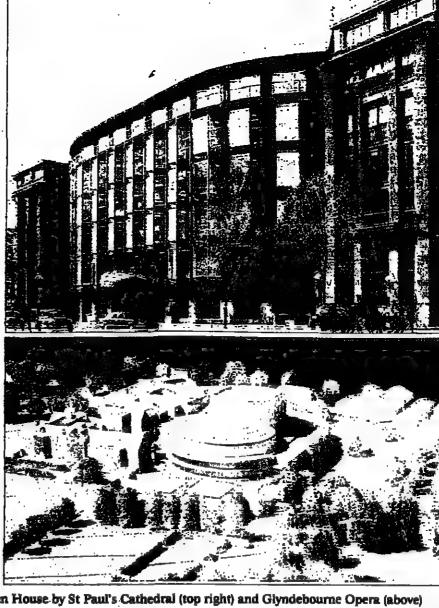
abroad. Hopkins so far has built had to enclose the steel frame in exclusively in England (and is best concrete. "Then Mies would stick a lighter steel frame outside to imply the method of construction. . Today you can use the basic steel frame like a medieval timber frame, as the visible load-bearing structure, thanks to modern, fireretarding paints."

What gives Hopkins's buildings their elegance is his superb sense. of proportion. "This is what elevations are all about." But he does this by eye, "standing back and looking: we don't use any magic

The tendency in recent years has been to lay out business parks in informal settings of grass and lakes. Hopkins rejects this. They pretend you can't see one building from another, as if it was a series of large country houses in their own grounds. But it doesn't work. The density is too great." He has chosen an urban model: "Bedfontwhen it was built in the 18th cen-



New designs on national treasures



In hallowed precincts: the Mound Stand at Lord's Cricket Ground (left), Bracken House by St Paul's Cathedral (top right) and Glyndebourne Opera (above)

The second element in Hop-kins's architecture is a strong sense of movement. The skyline of the parliament building boasts an astonishing array of circular pedestal chimneys which will appear in constantly changing combinations as you move along the river. The Tottenham Court Road design is punctuated at the corners by powerful cylindrical towers. At Bedfont Lakes the neat grid of the façade is interrupted to reveal circular flying staircases within, the whole height of the building. The third element in Hopkins's architecture is an almost Escoriallike severity. The atrium of Bracken House is like the engine

reom of an ocean-liner, all exposed

structure and raw surface.

have vast, glazed-over- central courtyards. "At our latitude you need to cover over such spaces if you are to make full use of them," he said. opkins brings move-

the IBM building at Bedfont and

in the parliamentary offices. Both

ment into the covered court at IBM by means of a huge commutation across the centre, like the screen across a cathedral choir. The lifts project up into space, resembling a huge organ case, and the stairs are arranged. in a single straight line, like the escalators on the outside of the Pompidou Centre in Paris. Hopkins evolves his designs

parliamentary offices look slightly clumsy because of a massive, flat cornice girdling the building. But, by degrees, Hopkins has replaced it with an oversailing roof, allowing the towers to break through at the corners. These could be strengthened further to advantage. The 32 round towers at Notting-

ham will draw air through the building. "New technology allows us to bring in a lot of fresh air into the building without losing vast amounts of heat," says Hopkins. You extract the warmth from the air and convert it into bot water to heat the building or energy to cool it. Until recently we were con-stantly recycling air within build-ings. That's where the sick building syndrome came from."

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was to find a way of blending the large elements of the fly-tower and auditorium into a sensitive setting. "I used the analogy of a big abbey church, with the domestic accommodation mediating between the church and the landscape. Around the fly-tower, we set a necklace of dressing rooms, offices and stu-dios, which will help introduce a more friendly scale."

Hopkins's other great challenge has been replanning the Victoria and Albert Museum. "I wanted to make it easier for visitors to find their way round, for there to be a minimum of fuss between the building and the objects. Since the war so many-museums have been filled up with plaster board to increase wall space, blanking out

surfaces. I think museums are at their best when you can read the objects directly against the building." Conservation work, he belleves, is stimulating because it adds a different dimension.

Hopkins's new ascendancy in a field so long dominated by the names of Foster, Rogers and Stirling is welcome - but it needs to be remembered that there are others equally worthy to wear the crown. Notable among these are Ted Cullinan, an architect who can put his soul into every commission, however small the building or the budget; and Terry Farrell, the man perfectly fitted to play the role of Matisse to Richard Rogers's Picasso. Such a diversity of British talent has not been seen

TELEVISION REVIEW

Don't make Larry into an **Aunt Sally**

ot long before his death. I walked through Dublin with Ray McAnally, the most gifted Irish actor of his genera-tion. Somehow the subject of Laurence Olivier came up. "A great actor?" he roared, turning surprised faces on both sides of the Liffey. "Olivier's not an actor at all. He's a

That was pretty much the thesis of JAccuse on Channel 4's Without Walls last night. Russell Davies, exuding mournful gravity, at-tacked Olivier for bravura fakery. "In catching the eye, he frequently disengaged the brain," he sighed. "A performance whose moment-to-moment brilliance dazzled an onlooker at the time often seemed less nourishing in

The worry was and remains a valid one. For McAnally acting was a total surrender of the self to the role. So dedicated was he to thinking and feeling like the man he was playing, he would not even read those parts of the script in which he did not appear, on the grounds that knowledge the character could not possess might distort his interpretation. But Olivier was said to work "from the outside in": meaning that he tried first to get the appearance and bodylanguage right and relied on a combination of craft and instinct to complete the character. "A guarantee of superficial-

ity," grumbled Davies the Dreyfusard. But is it? Acting is notoriously hard to define or explain, and the process of building a character impossible to reduce to an all-purpose system. Anyway, the result is what matters, not the method or Method of achieving it. Nobody could deny that McAnally's approach — an eclectic Stanislavskyism, if you want a definition produced subtle and searching performances. But however they were created, Olivier's brooding Macbeth, his Shylock, his Astrov and

his Solness were far from

mere exercises in big-top bra-

vado. Davies anatomised none of them last night. Myself, I began with some sympathy for his argument, only to be put off by the slant and selectivity. To show Olivier murderously leaping at Claudius from a balcony is not the fairest way of con-demning his Hamlet for lack of depth. Nor does the sound of his Henry V exhorting his troops to do or die prove that he invariably used Shake-speare's verse as "a vocal conveyance ferrying him to the ranting climaxes that really interest him". And wasn't his demonic grotesque truer to Richard III than the stealthy Sandhurst officer Ian McKellen recently presented at the National? Here at least Davies was quarrelling with Shakespeare and blaming

o may he have been with another famous performance. I have alperformance. I have always half-agreed with Alan Brien's view of Olivier's Othello as "a kind of bad acting of which only a great" actor is capable"; but when Davies introduced a class of knowing tots from Westminster School, and showed them snickering at a video of the performance, I found myself somersaulting the other way. Isn't there a perfectly respectable school of criticism which holds that Othello the character is a narcissist and a poseur? Above all, how can Olivier be judged from a television monitor or, for that

matter, the cinema screen? He was as much a stage actor as Garrick and Kean before him. Were Westminster School to watch them on video, the laughter would doubtless blow off the roof; yet women fainted when Garrick's Hamlet saw his father's ghost and, so G.H. Lewes tells us, old men wept at the memory of Kean's desperate Othello. Those who experienced Olivier in the place that counted, the theatre, will not forget his power to seize, hold and churn the mind and the heart. Call it acting, call it

performing: it was magic.

THEATRE-

Obligation to the future

S irruggling actors once traditionally started in repertory by sweeping repertory by sweeping the stage and getting bitparts. Today they are more likely to sweep the floors of restaurants. Not only is unemployment among actors running at 85 per cent, but a mere handful of Britain's 70 regional repertory theatres now have old-style, perma-nent ensembles: the bedrock of actors' training. The restcast from play to play, many actors leaving after a few months or even weeks, losing the camaraderie that once bound actors to audiences for an entire year.

Actors who do break into rep find that classical pieces are often off the menu, as companies increasingly turn to safe commercial options. Audiences that once flocked to the box office prefer to watch the box at home.

So what drives Andrew Hay, new director of the Bristol Old Vic, to construct an old-style rep: 16 core members, plus a resident musician and playwright, performing nine plays in six months? "I'm using the re-sources available," he says. There's no way I could form an artistic policy on six or seven shows a year. I want a full programme. We need a theatre that services its local community, and the reper-toire should be seen as a whole. People should ask at the end: 'how has this company entertained its audience this season?"

As late as the Seventies, before the fame and financial security of television hured actors away from the stage, ensemble flourished in Britain. Generations of stars cut their teeth on it. When Tim Pigott-Smith began at the Bristol Old Vic. 30 company members performed ten plays. Actors were challenged and the audiences loved it, returning to see their favourite performers in different roles: one week in Shakespeare, the next in Coward. Yet today, many young television actors have never performed Shakespeare properiod costume.

The actors in Hay's company — noticeably young — know each other from Romeo and Juliet, the season's first our major writers said they BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE | play, and are now opening in .. wrote for the National The-

Andrew Hay is defying current economic wisdom with his Bristol Old Vic repertory ensemble. He tells Joseph Williams why



Artistic director Andrew Hay outside Bristol Old Vic

Spanish town gripped by a tyrant: a passionate play with music and song.
"In ensemble, you can

learn your craft and technique, and you watch and work with others very closely," says Hay, who himself acted in old-style rep at Oldham, and found that audiences loved seeing actors play against type, and even chatted to them later in pubs.

fessionally or even worn a :. This is vital, he believes, in binding communities and empowering actors with a voice: "It even affects playwrights. In the early Eighties

Fuente Ovejuna, Lope de atre and the RSC because Vega's classical work about a nobody else had such large companies."

The devastation of old-style rep is regrettable: Liverpool's Playhouse, whose alumni include Michael Redgrave, may never return to traditional rep, despite being saved from bankruptcy by the impresario Bill Kenwright, who will offset any box-office

Leatherhead, Basingstoke and Farnham reps produce many commercial productions geared to West End transfers. An attempt to form a core company of classical fare at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre last year collapsed, its fire snatched by the successful commercialism of its sister Lyceum Theatre. Ironically, overall stan-dards at repertory remain

high: does it then matter if ensembles crumble? "You can create a style in ensemble," says Roger Redfarn, Theatre Royal, which cannot form a home-based ensemble as each production must, contractually, have an afterlife, touring or transferring to

"It's more exciting with a permanent company, because you take many more risks in your easting, and audiences understand it. I think there's a generation that has lost the habit of going to see plays -- the diet is cals. With the death of so many reps, the three-weekly play cycle's gone, and a lot of young people just don't see plays any more."

The Nottingham Playhouse once had a vig-orous ensemble, which launched stars such as Jonathan Pryce. Last year, it experimented with a 14strong company in a fivemonth season — only possible through a £50,000 brewery

Ruth Mackenzie, executive director of the Playhouse, believes audiences yearn for ensemble excitement: "In a play like The Cherry Orchard you can get deeper, quicker, because the actors already know each other. People here reminisce how there'd be this bright young thing in his first job, in Coriolanus, called Ian McKellen. They'd see him learning and growing." That

Only pockets of the old ensemble repertoires now survive in the regions, as in Stoke-on-Trent's New Vic-toria Theatre and Liverpool's Everyman, which has 12 members performing a largely classical repertoire over ten months. Birmingham Repertory is seriously considering forming an ensemble this

Yet the RSC and the National Theatre both have longestablished ensembles with varied repertoires. Do our regions deserve anything less? • Fuente Ovejuna opens tonight at Bristol Old Vic (0272 250250), until March 28.

ARTS BRIEF

For all seasons

BASINGSTOKE, the butt of many a Joke, has announced ambitious plans to put itself on the arristic map with a new £12 million concert hall. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council says the 1,400-seat hall, designed by Renton Howard Wood Levin Parmership, promises to become "a major focus of

artistic, entertainment and business activity in the north of Hampshire and will break new ground in the combination of acoustic excellence and multi-use flexibility". The concert hall will accommodate full symphony orchestra and choir and will be able to adapt to many different uses, including cinema, conferences, snooker, boxing, banquets and disco. The council has already raised £10 million for the project and construction is expected to begin in June on a site in the city's centre. The

Hall right now

PETER Hall's next production for the company that bears his name will be Sienna Red, written by the bard of concrete suburbia, Stephen Poliakoff, and set in a DIY shop. It was postponed last year because its principal actor, Martin Shaw, was unwell; but he is now recovered, and will open alongside. Francesca Annis at the Liver-Following its Liverpool run, in June.



Francesca Annis: starring Sienna Red goes on tour. pool Playhouse on April 15. before ending up in London

Only in his thirties?

THE octogenarian Japanese director Akira Kurosawa has been awarded the Directors Guild of America's D.W. Griffith Award for career achievement, but will be unable to attend the Guild's award ceremony later this month. Not because of illhealth; he will be busy preparing his 31st film. Mada Da Yo (Not Ready Yet). His last venture, Rhapsody in August, met with a mixed international reception.

Crocks

THE Royal Ballet is suffering more than its share of injuries among leading men. Robert Hill, who hurt his knee in Washington last summer, found that his brief return to the stage in Les Sylphides was premature and has since withdrawn again from all

performances. Errol Pickford had an injury some months ago; there is no date yet for his return. Now Stuart Cassidy and Michael Nunn are also off with injury. New recruit Zoltan Solymosi, French guest Laurent Hilaire and young hopefuls Sergiu Pobereznic and William Trevitt all have extra performances as a result.

Richard's royal progress

LIKE the Olivier Othello in the days when the National Theatre was new, the Ian McKellen Richard III continues to pop back into the repertoire, this time for eight performances only (May 20-26). Alternatively, you could catch this production as it wends its way westward across the United States, from New York in June by way of Washington, St Paul, and Denver, to San Francisco and Los Angeles in September,

Last chance...

TOMORROW, the American historian Francis Fukuyama defends his contention that the democratic and free market values of the United States represent, as he calls it, "the end of history". A public debate chaired by Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times,

will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 (£5 for students) and can be purchased at Dillons the Bookstore, 82 Gower Street, London WC1 (071-580 3243), or via fac-

Men's hour and mean woman blues

a Reggae jingle pumps out from speakers rigged up on the mixing desk. The producer reads the broadcast test and coaches Scotty. the engineer, through the soundcheck "Fem FM. The female frequency." the presenter announces in a tready voice. The studio looks improvised, with a lot of sticky tape, a swathe of blue velvet and a couple of screens, but

it sounds like the real thing.
Fem FM is Britain's first allfemale radio station, which will broadcast to the Bristol area from Sunday, International Women's Day, Nineteen hours of music and talk will be pumped out of this four-storey house in Bristol's Brunswick Square every day for a week, and not a screwdriver-wielding man in sight. The station was originally planned to run for two weeks, in conjunction with the Bristol Womens' Festival fortnight, but only enough funds were raised to pay for eight days on air.

The station is the brainchild of Caroline Mitchell, a lecturer in radio and media studies, and

e're your mother, we're your sister, we're your friend, we're your lover,"

Trish Caverley, a radio producer, both in their thirdes. They conceived the idea a year ago when FTP, the local station where they both worked closed down.

The aim is to give women experience in radio. "People always say how many women newsreaders there are," says Ms Mitchell. "But women are underrepresented in technical jobs. management and music presentation. That's a significant proportion of the work."

With less than a week to go before the first transmission, the excitement is palpable. There is much hugging and massaging of shoulders. More than 200 volunteers who staff the station were recruited through public meetings in the city. About 40 more will be taking part in broadcasts, from schoolgirls to Jenny Mills and Patti Caldwell, BBC Radio 4 presenters, and local DJs.

Some of the women will be wearing the headphones for the first time — men, it seems, do not like to see a woman behind a desk. Women have to be extremely confident before they are allowed to play with the toys," Ms Fem FM, Britain's first all-female radio station, with a chat show for chaps, broadcasts for seven days from this Sunday

Caverley says. Since Fem was launched, a number of professional women broadcasters have given up weeks and weekends to share their

Tania Raymond. aged 24, has worked in commercial radio for three years, but Fem will be her first experience in production. Born in Sri Lanka, she has not yet worked on a main-

stream programme that is neither about women or ethnic minorities. Miranda Congdon joined FTP as a trainee presenter, and ended up in promotions. On Fem she will present her own country and western music show, It's not Hank, it's Miranda.

There has already been some



Turning tables: Jenny B. Goode will present her own show

response to Fem in the industry. The local independent station, Great Western Radio, has moved its only female presenter into a daytime slot, which commands a far larger audience than her previous berth. GWR also aunched a competition to find the best New Female DJ - won by Miranda "not Hank" Congdon.

FM, itself sounds like a challenge one is reminded of those scary Rad Fems of the early 1980s cropped hair, workmens' overalls and kick-yourhead-in boots. But nobody likes to mention the F-word. "It could be feminist or female or feminine," Ms

The name, Fem

hopefully. In one room the token men are rehearsing a feature for Men's Hour. They are not feminists. "It doesn't mean I don't sympathise with their ideas," Toby Murcott explains. "I wouldn't say I was a black civil rights activist, either."

They find the station a positive and productive place to work, and their programme tackies topics

"When the subject is normal life. divorce and families, it's women who talk about it. We've been given the opportunity to prove there's more to men than sport and news."

The programming contains a mix of women's issues and interests in talk shows and features; not much mention of news and current affairs, and total silence on the subject of sport. The main ingredient is "music from a women's point of view". I confess some confusion. Would that be

"Stand By Your Man" or "Respect"? "People like to hear music chosen by a woman," claims Bristol DJ Queen Bee, who used to have to fight male DJs, literally, to get her turn on the tables. "We've got a lot of specialist music

"The station isn't bound by the normal restrictions on commercial radio. There's no playlist, so we've got everything from rock 'n' roll to cajun to house."

The station will cost £20,000. Ms Mitchell and Ms Caverley raised the money from sponsors.

including Aer Lingus and the Co-Op bank.

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Some of the businessmen we approached were a bit alarmed at the idea," Ms Mitchell says, "but others loved it straight away." Early publicity generated an enthusiastic response and dozens of people sent donations. The staff has worked unpaid, some for as long as a year. Jenny B. Goode. who will be presenting her own rock 'n' roll show. Mean Woman Blues, has worked for 12 years in a bank, but since she joined Fem. she has turned tables in a number of Bristol clubs. "I'm not a feminist." she says. "I'm playing sounds by women." She has found the first recording of "Hound

Dog" — not by Elvis Presley. by Big Mama Thornton, in 1953. "Not all women singers have a walk-all-over-me image. Memphis Minnie sang a song called "Me and My Chauffeur", about a woman whose driver has affairs with all these women in the back of her car. In the end she shoots him and drives herself around."

All right!

CLARE LONGRIGG

Transformed by a late love

Anna Massey, who opened last night in Hard Heart by Howard Barker, tells

Valerie Grove how her own heart was won after years of solitude

e must stop thinking the thin, cardiganwearing spinster she played, painfully and exquisitely, in Hotel du Lac. Though as thin as ever, on a rigid diet and looking much as she did when playing Anita Brookner's Edith Hope, she has been a transformed woman for three and a half years now. She never tires of describing how the coup de foudre came, and the "upward surge of niceness" that life has had since. Uri Andres, a Russian metallurgist and inventor, was the catalyst of Miss Massey's late bliss. From being famously solitary, she is now, at 54, famously happily married.

"It's endlessly interesting being in love, isn't it? But I know that I am, and never was before. Some people take a long time to come to terms with who and what they are, and until you do, you can't give yourself to anyone because what are you giving? A bundle of neurotic selfishness.

"I'd given up really, I'd decided that you might as well live for today, experience the moment, not look forward or dread the morrow... and it just happened." They sat next to each other at a dinner party; he arrived slightly late, on foot. They were instantly in conversation about the cosmos and big bang. "You know how with some people you get into deep subjects very quickly. After that one dinner, on August 10, 1988, he went off to Russia for three weeks but when he returned they were married within ten weeks.

"I think I knew after about ten minutes. He's a completely original man. He stimulates one to think. He's very amusing, and so, modest he couldn't even spell boast. And we can live together incredibly compatibly."

Every day he walks from their house in Shepherd's Bush to Imperial College. Recently his daughter and granddaughter from Moscow carne to stay. "Here we are, saying you must eat brown bread and they're lucky to get a bloody loaf. And yet, when we went to Moscow I was bowled over by the generosity of spirit. The generosity people show when they have not very much to give, it puts that Lloyd's situation into perspective doesn't it?"

Last night she opened at the Almeida in Howard Barker's new play. A Hard Heart. It is set in a city under siege, run by a queen; she plays Riddler, architect and woman of genius. She says actorishly that the play is "a tremendous challenge", enough to

week. "Howard Barker's writing is incredibly rich and precise, like dancing on a rightrope." But she expects no West End transfer. Who can ever tell? "Last year I did a play at Greenwich that was really commercial, Neil Simon's Broad way Bound, and got really com-mercial reviews, and even that didn't transfer."

When in Dr Anthony Clare's chair, she said how she loved doing radio drama: she could get away with playing a great beauty, on radio. But what she has is more admirable than mere beauty: a great intelligence, and an instantly recognisable voice, with its precise diction and clearly enunciated consonants. The other day she was heard again reading favourite poems and Shakespeare extracts with the late Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies, who doted on "darling little Anna".

er childhood, though

In her teens, Miss Massey had lived like a princess on a hìgh hill, in The Grove, Highgate, north London, a house her mother sold to Yehudi Menuhin, and which he sold to Sting. "It was a beautiful house, but so remote, nobody would ever take you home - six quid for a taxi." She was one of the last debutantes to be presented at court in 1955, and proceeded to make her West End reputation in The Reluctant Debutante. "When I married, in 1958, I was a child. People married more quickly then. It took me 30 years to make the

ight decision."
Though never short of friends, and regularly giving memorable performances — Miss Jean Brodie, Gwen John, the menacing Miss Jean Mrs Danvers in the televised Rebecca (Daphne du Maurier thought her perfect) she was privately lonely, much of the time.

what uncherished. Her parents separated when she was one, so she did not get to know her father, Raymond Massey, who departed for Hollywood, till much later. Her mother, the actress Adrianne Allen, married her former husband's new wife's former husband, as complicated an arrangement as could be imagined. The nanny who looked after Anna and Dan-iel, her brother, seemed more like her mother; she later became nanny to the son Anna had while briefly married to Jeremy Brett, ne Higgins. "Darling nanny, I said to her, we must put up your wages -£5 a week - and she said, what would I spend it on?"



'You must pursue what you want to pursue and never make compromises, ever ever,' Anna Massey says of the themes of Willa Cather, her favourite author

"I would have been a pretty perplexed mortal without my 12 years of analysis. I'm not one of those who think everybody should have it, but when people do need it, it can be a lifeline. They helped me sort out a lot of driftwood, that was clogging up. The day you say goodbye to your analyst is the first day you start helping yourself. But you do go on discovering, and it is painful as well. I think life is a continual journey of gaining knowledge in a thousand different ways. If you're a bed of selfish

"Of course I wouldn't need outside help now, if I wanted to talk to anyone I'd talk to Uri. You have to be very brave to live on your own. But I do think this. Big cliche coming. Only when you are able to live on your own, do you have the self-sufficiency and inner strength to be a good partner; the qualities that stop you from be-coming over-reliant."

Her old lack of confidence persists in asides such as "I'm

neuroses, as I was, you're not able to see that.

"Of course I wouldn't need going to happen in this election? I think it's getting harder and harder for politicians to deceive people." She has never voted anything but Labour. Books are her passion, read even on her exercise bike, and discussed at breakneck speed. "What do you make of Rosamond Lehmann's thing about the after life? Sherather lost me on getting through to the other side. Of course Uri is sceptical: six feet under and that's

it. We're very lucky to get through

as Noel Coward said, lunch."
Willa Cather is her absolute favourite author, "Have you read The Song of the Lark? Buy it tonight. Cather's great theme is the artist and compromise. You must pursue what you want to pursue and never make compromises, ever ever ever. I agree, don't you?" Cather comes out of copyright in 1997, "by which time I shall be too old to play any of her heroines. Perhaps I could play one on radio. If someone asks me."

MAKE STITEFIES Guide to surgery

THE COY term "women's problems" covers a multitude of ills, many of which require operations. The Woman's Guide To Surgery, to be published next week, by Thorsons (£9.99, paperback). attempts to demystify D&C's, cone biopsies, laparoscopies and other feminine issues by offering advice on preparing for hospitalisation, facts about types of surgery and exercises for getting in shape - mentally and physically -

after specific operations. Written by Tim Coltant, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist and medical writer Felicity Smart, it is in a question and answer format.

Good as can be

THERE is still time to tempt the obnoxious into participating in "National No-Menacing Week" - conceived to swell the coffers of "Tommy's Campaign" (to look into premature birth) for St Thomas's Hospital. Paul Gascoigne and Nigel Havers have already agreed to attempt to be good as gold" for the week from March 29 to April 4. For a "No-Menacing' pack" send a stamped, self-addressed foolscap envelope to: Tommy, London SE99 6RD or call 071-620 2654.

VICTORIA MCKEE

On Sunday, International Women's Day, a feminist Muslim movement celebrates its third anniversary

Rebels against the cause

hile Islamic religious leaders still embrace Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa calling for Salman Rushdie's death, some of their wives and sisters are rebelling. On Sun-day, International Women's Day will also mark the third anniversary of an organised feminist Muslim movement against religious fundamentalism which began when 200 women joined the Southall Black Sisters (SBS) to challenge their communities and support Mr Rushdie.

SBS, a grant-aided London advice centre originally for Asian and Alro-Caribbean women, founded a campaigning group called Women Against Fundamentalism (WAF) and to cries of "whores" and "home-wreckers" from Muslim men, the women marched for Mr Rushdie.

Gita Saghal, a founding member of WAF, says that when Mr Rushdie said "I refuse to become an unperson ... to live in a box". he voiced the determination ex-



Her own women: WAF member Hannana Siddiqui, who will make her own plans

pressed in the WAF slogan: Struggle not Suppression. WAF now includes Catholic Jewish, Sikh and Hindu, as well as Muslim members and has bases in Bradford.

Manchester and Leeds as well as its original office in north London; with links in Ireland, France, Germany, Lebanon, Pakistan, India

WAF believes, according to the manifesto set out in its newsletter, that "at the heart of all fundamentalist agendas is the control of women's minds and bodies ... with central agent of that con-trol". Asian and Muslim women from WAF recently picketed the Irish Embassy to protest against the abortion ban in Ireland. Meena Patel, a member of WAF says: "Problems concerning Irish women living under Catholicism show women of Asian, Hindu, Sikh and Muslim communities how fundamentalism works right

the patriarchial family as a

here in Britain." Muslim members of WAF refuse to be represented by community leaders in Britain, such as Kalim Siddiqui of the Muslim parliament, who claim to voice the consensus of opinion. "It's been assumed that the views of vocal community leaders are our [women's] views and their demands are our demands. We reject this absolutely." says Hannana Siddiqui, a WAF member. "I

against the body of religious belief which denies us our right to determine our sexuality and justifies violence ne of WAF's campaigns is against the Muslim parlia-ment's demands for state-

want to create my own

future. We must all struggle

funded religious schools. "Girls in religious schools only learn how to read the Koran and wear the hijab [headscarf]." Ms Siddiqui says. Sarah Shareef, of the Islamia Schools Trust, which was set up to fund religious schools, says. "The hijab is part of school uniform. We give girls a moral upbringing and teach them to be good Muslims and offer a full curriculum."

WAF is also campaigning for the removal of state funds from other religious schools.

ish schools "teach girls how to keep a kosher kitchen, to be fruitful and multiply; es-pecially if the rabbi is Lubavitch [fundamentalist]. Rabbi M. Roberg, of the Jewish Secondary schools movement, does not dispute that girls are educated in a different way from boys. The duties and role of a woman are different from those of men," he says. "She

Julia Bard, a WAF member,

says, for example, that Jew-

will be a wife and mother." Nazli Khan, the director of the Muslim women's welfare project, thinks WAF is wrong to suggest there is a form of gender-racism in fundamentalist religions. "I am happy with my religion. Islamic women do not have to worry about going out to work and earning money," she says. "A woman is protected and respected under Islam. Women are wrong if they turn against religion because

of personal problems." JOCASTA SHAKESPEARE

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Concubines, communists and culture

Kate Muir meets Jung Chang, the writer and teacher, whose book, Wild Swans, tells the true story of three generations of women who moved from palaces to prison cells in the Chinese cultural

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magine this, a grandmother sold as a concubine to a Chinese warlord, her tiny feet bound to suit the erotic tastes of her master. Pass on to her daughter, a Communist party member tortured under Chairman Mao, and end with her granddaughter, a former Red Guard attending Ealing College of Higher Education.

revolution

If this were fiction Jung Chang, the author and granddaughter, might be accused of laying it on a bit thick. But it is fact, and what is more, fact spanning a mere half century, from medieval-style con-cubinage in 1924, to arrival in London in 1978. The words "epic family saga" have been taken in vain too often by the purveyors of cheap novels, but they precisely describe Wild Swans.

The history of 20th century China, rather than being the colourful background traditional in this sort of book, is more like a purge which rips through the three women. From the violence, blood and humiliation which were the constant companions of Ms Chang's youth, she ought to be calloused by experience and still shaped like a Mao suit. Yet she is soft-spoken and elegant. She in-dulges herself by both laughing mules about her Notting Hill, west

At 39, she does not seem to be carrying the heavy burden her writing implies. She says her experiences have not changed her basic character. "When a huge tide comes like the cultural revolution did in China, there are some people who are swept under, some who are carried away, and some who rise above the tide and somehow manage to create some kind of independent world around them which is bearable."

Ms Chang noticed in writing that she, her mother and grandmother always made things liveable even in the worst circumstances. When her mother and father were both sent to work camps in the countryside, her father grew gaunt and depressed, while her mother looked like a healthy peasant. "Even when she was in prison, she mostly managed to get nice guards who helped her. Same with my grandher master's house by another friendly concubine. We have this tendency to survive.

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Blood ties: Ms Chang with her mother, Xia De-hong, in 1988

women is in contrast to Ms She went on and on with more and Chang's father, a principled high more stories." All the words which had to remain unspoken, even ly refused to sign a propaganda poster which would have saved him from imprisonment and beatings. "I will not sell my soul," he

His more practical daughter survived by keeping her mouth firmly shut, and faking the appro-priate responses, including grief on Chairman Mao's death. It was not that she survived by watching events from afar, as though they were a film rather than reality. The situation was all to clear to her as her grandmother picked ground glass out of her mother's knees with tweezers, after she was forced to kneel in it as a punishment, or

'I got closer to my mother, and to my father and grandmother through the book'

when she watched her Red Guard classmates beat their "bourgeois" teachers with the metal buckles of

When Ms Chang arrived in London to learn English aged 26, as one of the first students allowed to leave China, she would wake up every night with dreams of "blood and death, nothing specific". For the next ten years, she tried to block out memories of home because they were too painful.

came to stay for six months.

By this time, Ms Chang had completed a PhD in linguistics. and was teaching at London University. "I had tried writing before, but I had a blockage which hid details of the past. But one day my mother just started talking about my father. Before I had assumed my parents were blissfully happily married, but she had bottled up all these things. He had let her walk a thousand miles to reach him, yet he ignored her when she was about to have a miscarriage."

Ms Chang was amazed, and asked her for more details. "Once

The adaptability of the three started, my mother couldn't stop. unthought, in China exploded out in the safety of London. Her mother was not even interested in sightseeing. They went on holiday to Switzerland and Scotland and she talked in the car. By the end, they had 60 hours of tape-recorded history. Ironically, the detail which

makes the book so convincing would not have been possible tions of Ms Chang's mother as a counter-revolutionary suspect. Sometimes there were up to 15 people investigating her, and she was forced to remember exact words and deeds from 20 years before, again and again. She found out what had happened to many of her relatives and friends who were also brought in." Even the family photographs in the book were preserved by a fluke when the Red Guards raided Ms Chang's father's possessions. They were kept intact and returned years later.

The writing was as cathartic for Ms Chang as the talking was for her mother. "I got closer to her, and to my father and grandmother through it. I stopped having nightmares, and I started under standing more of what had gone on." She wrote to her mother twice a week, and even faxed her at the local post office in China. "The book has done something quite tremendous for her. She is now a very tranquil person and at peace with herself. When I read her readers' letters after it was published in America, she was pleased to find herself understood by so many people."

For the Chinese, Wild Swans is a

chunk of their missing history, saved from the book-burnings and propaganda of the time when Mao Zedong said he wanted his people to be a blank sheet of paper on which he could write anything he pleased. Ms Chang is presently engaged in the Chinese version. Having written the book in her. second language (with the beip of her English husband), she finds words such as self-pity, inferiority complex and other psychological terms, have no Chinese equivalent She hopes that the book will

explain the Chinese to the West. which she criticises for seeing the



the mastes, rather than individuais. After all, the West was equally strange to her when she arrived at Heathrow airport and walked into the men's lavatory, safe in the knowledge that the little sign showed a woman wearing trousers, since skirts were banned at that time in her homeland.

Although she feit as if she had arrived "on another planet - I had no idea who Mick Jagger or Marilyn Monroe were", she relished the escape from official vigilance. "I was left alone. I could put my feet up and let my hair down and relax.

When she left China, it was still hungover from Mao, and violence and cruelty had only recently been demoted as virtues. "I think it is very difficult for British people to but not physically, not that feeling in your stomach when someone rules by terrorising. It was so

resent day China has lost that now, she has noticed If people keep their heads down, and do not go out and form an opposition party, they are fairly safe. In some ways the Tiananmen Square massacre, which the West saw as a step backwards, Ms Chang saw as a beginning. She was there just beforehand and was very touched when she saw the students beginning to demon-strate. "People just didn't seem to have that kind of fear any more.

When I was there, you couldn't

demonstration in case you talked in your sleep. Even afterwards, most people refused to denounce each other. Fear made a tentative comeback, but it just didn't have

the force of Maoist days."

Ms Chang believes China's growing capitalist economy will pull it towards democracy soon. Each visit gives her more hope. In 1985, she returned to a tea-house on the Silk River, which she had watched the schoolchildren of the Red Guards trash and shut down

years before.

Of that first visit, she wrote: The summer evening breezes from the river fanned out a heavy scent from the clusters of white blossoms. The customers, mostly men, raised their heads from their

along the uneven cobblestones that paved the bank. We stopped under the tree. A few voices from the group started to shout: 'Pack up! Pack up! Don't linger in this bourgeois place!' A boy snatched a corner of the paper chessboard on the nearest table and jerked it away. The wooden pieces scattered on the ground."

The simple pleasure of taking tea was denied to the people of Sichuan for 15 years. When Ms Chang returned to the re-opened tea-house with a British friend, an old waitress came to fill their cups from a long-spouted kettle, "We were sat under the same tree, and I felt tears rolling down my cheeks." Wild Swans is published by HarperCollins at £17.50

Courses for women who wish to resume their careers after having children may boost confidence, but do they bring jobs?

Unhappy returns

ll dressed up and nowhere to go. Could this be an appropriate epitaph for women returners? Diana Wolfin, a recent graduate of a 15-week Professional Updating for Women course, hopes not. However, experience suggests it describes their situation to a

Mrs Wolfin and 23 other women claim to be the first graduates of the course since Opportunity 2000 was launched. The course was paid for by the European Social Fund, set up to help the long-term unemployed. With their stiff, buff-coloured certificates to prove their workworthiness, they are now able to take advantage of

opportunities. But since they graduated at Christmas, they say they are finding more against them than a recession: ageism. sexism, absenteeism (the graduates of this course had spent between two and 20 years out of the workplace) and accusations of being "over-qualified". They are probably also the last genera-

most parents today will look at the difficulties mothers of a certain age are facing and discourage their daughters from giving up a career when they have a baby. Jill Jones, the leader of the

course at the Polytechnic of Central London, is trying to keep up the group's spirit and momentum. Last week she held a reunion at the college so they could pool experiences.

'I don't think these women have very high expectations of salary, they realise they are likely to be penalised for the break they have taken," she says. Apart from two graduates who have received marketing assignments from the TSB, which could lead to iobs, "We have sent their CVs to all the Opportunity 2000 organisations but have had no replies yet, except to say

they have been passed on to the personnel departments." The group has also drafted a letter to the prime minister. which it will deliver when the election is called. It asks: "What is happening? Is Op-portunity 2000 no more than an expression of intent?"



Career moves: some of the hopeful Central London Polytechnic course graduates

Mrs Wolfin is disappointed but not depressed — yet — by the lack of success she and her fellow students have had. A typical returner, she graduated from London University with two degrees, French and German, married at 21, and has spent the last 20 years bringing up four children

now aged between 19 and 12. In her day, she says, women did not think of trying to combine motherhood with a career. "I have two daughters and I will certainly advise them to keep their hands in. but they will probably make

up their own minds: they can see what is happening to me.

"I have sent off eight or nine job applications and was shortlisted once, but there is such a shortage of jobs employers can be very particular. If they want someone with green hair and three legs they will find them now. I was told by one employer she was refuctant to give me a job because I am too well qualified. Employers feel they cannot match my financial expectations. What I would like ideally is to job-share."

In spite of their achieve-

ments (to get on the course, they had to have a degree and professional work experience)

the women felt the course would give them the confidence to apply for the jobs they are now going for. They don't undervalue the work they have been doing bringing up children, but employers seem either not to recognise it or to be frightened of the "superwoman

syndrome". Carol Thnatowicz, married with three children aged 11, nine and five, has a degree in economics from Bristol. She

was a deputy chief officer with a local authority when she "retired" II years ago and at an interview for a job as a principal personnel officer recently she was told she was "too powerful". "They thought I took over the interview. I thought I was having a nice dialogue," she says. "The trouble is I am applying for jobs way below my capabilities. I have learnt from this experience and will have to play interviewers' games, be

Although the returners industry is bursting with eager recruits, it seems that recruitment practice, especially smaller organisations, is not reflecting equal opportunities legislation.

s Jones was surprised to be told by La pupil that in 1992 a woman can be asked: What does your husband do? She says: "They are finding it hard because they are an extraordinarily competent group and it is alarming to hear there is still discrimination, especially in terms of age, against women."

Lesley Champkin has two children, one a 14-year-old daughter who, she says. Will "definitely not" give up work to bring up a family. Mrs Champkin, who has a degree in furniture and interior design, has written 300 letters in her search for a job, so far unsuccessfully. During a twoweek part-time work assign-

expressed surprise she was still working "at your age". She is 44.

"You have to be careful not

to become cynical, especially when things get tough," she says. "You can feel sorry for yourself. My daughter helps me to write envelopes, so she sees what is going on and can draw her own conclusions. I was a lecturer, but was pushed out when I had children and never managed to get

full-time mothers still have brains, they acknowledge there is a long way to go. Mrs Ihnatowicz says: "Last week ! was at a seminar run by Marks & Spencer's, and a manager said to a woman who had been on maternity leave and had done a course as well. 'I am glad you have not wasted your year off."

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TV talent left in the wings

Melinda Wittstock

sees a generation of television skills

going to waste as jobs and budgets are slashed

ROBIN Britton could be one of the lucky ones. Mr Britton is the 30-year-old news editor of TVS's Coast To Coast, which was voted best regional news programme at last week's Royal Television Society journalism awards. He is more confident than most other out-ofwork young television journalists, producers, researchers and techni-cians that he will find a new job in television when TVS goes off the

Although he has not found a new job yet, he hopes that Meridian, which displaced TVS in last October's ITV auction, will hire him. "It's been an emotional roller-coaster for all of us," says Mr Britton. "It's always been a competitive industry, but there is so much more uncertainty now. Staff jobs are simply a thing of the

Prospects for young talent in television have never been shakier. Broadcasters are firing rather than hiring, sending thousands of television employees into an uncertain independent production sector, where as freelances they are the victims of ever-shrinking programme budgets. Most young programme makers find it impossible to secure steady employment.

The statistics are bleak. An annual pay and personnel survey by Broadcast magazine in January indicated that the ITV workforce had declined from a peak of 16,800 in 1987 to 15,900 sefore the franchise results and had since plummeted to between 12,000 and 12,500. If the ITV contractors fulfil the forecasts in their licence applications, the total will drop to only 9,500 next year.

Meanwhile, Bectu, the broadcasting union, forecasts that by April 1993 as many as 8,000 jobs will have been lost at the BBC

Ursula Macfariane, aged 30, an assistant producer whose credits include the Channel 4 arts pro-gramme Signals and Central's Japan Dreams, has not worked



Ursula Macfariane: "We don't have much experience of anything but proposals. We'll be a generation of 'paper' producers."

supposed to be the future of the industry, yet we are not being properly trained. Young talent is being picked but not nurtured.

"There are quite a few of us capable of producing good pro-grammes, but we don't have a lot of experience doing anything but writing up proposals. We will be a whole generation of 'paper' pro-ducers. Work comes only in dribs and drabs."

Ms Macfarlane, who turned down a prestigious directorship at. the Lynne Franks public relations firm three years ago to try her luck in television, now works each day doing PR for a charity and then works late every night at home on proposals for television programmes she would like to produce and direct.
"I'm exhausted. I always knew it

would be erratic. If you are freelance, you have to know how best to use your time when you're not working, although it is hard for many not to sit around feeling anxious and depressed. I know a lot of talented people who have not worked for a year.

"Sometimes I think maybe I should retrain, but I love television. It's the only thing I really want to do," she says.
Sally Peters, aged 24, a video-



Robin Britton, news editor: On emotional rollercoaster tape operator, left work at TVS on Friday along with 119 others who were given redundancy notices before Christmas. She has not found another job and has a

£50,000 mortgage. "I'm gutted by the whole thing," she says. "I know my work is good, so this is souldestroying."
Ms Peters, who now plans a new career selling broadcasting equip-ment, says redundancies and budget cuts throughout the industry will result in a decline in programme quality. "Fewer staff are doing more, so technically things



Sally Peters, video operator: Made redundant by TVS

are not nearly so good. Those that remain are being worked so hard, under so much pressure, they will be burnt out in a few years. A whole generation of talent could be lost, and viewers will be the ones that suffer.

Marguerita, unwilling to use her full name for fear of being labelled a "troublemaker" within the industry, is a documentary researcher and aspiring director Now aged 31, she worked only four months last year, earning just E4,800 for five documentaries

Overdrawn at the bank by

£5,000, she regularly works without pay to gain directing and producing experience. She spent more than £1,000 on telephone calls researching 40 different programme proposals now working their way through the system. The bill to get them printed and mailed to commissioning editors was £1,200. Her parents are beginning to press her to switch careers.

First Film Foundation, a charity set up three years ago to create opportunities for young people in film and television, says that only a tiny fraction of the talent it see each year finds regular work. The foundation looks at 2,500 programme proposals a year and has so far helped develop 60. It has had six commissioned, including Channel 4's Deptford Graffiti and From Russia With Laughter. Debra Burton, its director, says: "There's an awful lot of really good people, really talented people, hanging around the system for a long time. There just haven't been

"It is so much harder for young people these days. I think that in 15 years the industry will ask itself how we let quality programming go down the tollet as we did."

Changing the mouthpiece

Who would Labour choose to be government chief press secretary?

They are waiting not just for the off - the general election — or for unsaddling tand, if possible, rapidly unsettling) the winner. They are also waiting perhaps more anxiously than they admit, to learn who they will have to work with in 10 Downing Street for the next four or five years, assuming a decisive

As the sap rises so does the speculation about who will be the next chief press secretary — a job I occupied for 11 years, one month and five days, to the acute distress of some journalists, politicians, civil servants and even members of the public, who seemed to believe all they read about me in news-papers. For them, nothing became me more than my

ong.
Of course, the power of the chief press secretary can be overrated. He has very little power in our highly devolved system of cabinet government except that

of persuasion. I departmental. heads of informssecretaries to cabinet ministers for nothing. They reflect the substantial

utonomy of their ministerial bouses to whom they give their first loyalty. They cannot be ordered to do

things; they have to be per-suaded.

Yet if a chief press sec-retary is to do his job by the government as well as his prime minister, he must work closely with depart-ments. His role, among other things is to accretivate the things, is to co-ordinate the government's overall pre-sentation and to bring to-gether, as best he can, its isparate activities into a caherent and convincing mit-of sensible, compatible and purposeful administration. This cannot be done if he is at loggerheads with govern-ment departments. I assume that if, as I

expect, John Major is re-turned, his chief press sec-retary, Gus O'Donnell, will continue — at least, for a time. For all the restless desire for constant political change among journalists, they are happy with Gus from HM Treasury.

A Labour government brings only uncertainty. Will it be Alastair Campbell, of Labour's utterly slavish Daily Mirror? Or the man

or journalists, this is with whom he bloodily the waiting season. clashed when Robert Maxwell went overboard - The Guardian's entertaining Michael White? Mr Kinnock should perhaps think carefully about these two in view of his own excitable ten-dencies, which have been known to land him in privet

hedges.
Or will it be Dave Hill, the Labour party's present com-munications chief? Or Julie press officer from Granada-land? Hall, Mr Kinnock's personal

Or could the post be elevated to ministerial rank to give the celebrated Peter Mandelson a full time job as a member of the government, persuading press, radio and television that Labour is

coming up roses?
On the other hand, Labour might go for a real pro from the Government information Service. There is no shortage of talent. Labour, however, has seldom shown such wisdom in appointing its chief press secretary.
It is profitless

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without knowing how it is hung. Suffice it to say that the poor individual doomed to early baldness ceivably both, and fessional grave. But what is important,

to speculate about who might be handed the

poisoned chalice

in the event of a

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vitoever gets the job, are the values he or she brings to the post. If there is one which matters above all, leaving aside a reverence for the facts, it is a determination in No 10 to give all journalists equal access to news. I believe that John Major recognises this, after the calamity of the selective

announcement last autumn that there was to be no November election. I fear that Labour remains addicted to selective briefing to the "white commonwealths" of friendly journalists which, during the Harold Wilson era, did so much damage to Government-journalist rela-

Labour should cut it out. The party should realise that in the brittle world of journalism nothing is secret for long — not even the most secret briefing. All will soon be revealed. After all, that is what journalism now seems mainly to be about: to ex-plain the newsgathering, not

Why Sunrise offers a brighter view

Christopher Stoddart, managing director of Sunrisc Television, replies to last week's article, 'Spilt Milk at Urchidus Time'.

YOUR article prophesying a gloomy future for Sunrise Television was misleading for a number of reasons.

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TV-am had a staff of 400 people whereas Sunrise will have a maximum of 140. We have an efficient and cost-effective operating base at the London Television Centre, where we will share facilities with LWT and Cariton Television. TVam had a costly stand-alone op-

In general, both the capital costs

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The important point is that, while these factors enable Sunrise Television to operate efficiently. they do not detract from value on screen. Indeed they enhance it. We believe that Survise Television will be spending more on pro-grammes than TV-am.

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ed to the tabloid reader. While it appeals mostly to a young audience, it attracts more AB viewers than its competitor on BBC1. However, Sunrise will not be looking for a more upmarket audience but will be continuing the successful programme mix established by TV-am.

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Until banks provide funds, development in Czechoslovakia and Poland will be just an eastern premise, Christopher Warman reports

Smart business looks eastward

to the property market, has prompted the propcrty industry's smarter operators to seek opportunities elsewhere.

Attention is increasingly being focused on Eastern Europe, where the struggle to transform centrally controlled economies into free

markets is proceeding painfully.

Observers speak in general terms of the potential of Poland and Czechoslovakia, for example, but few British companies yet have a physical presence there.

Gleeds, a quantity surveyor with 23 offices in Britain and Europe, is one company that has decided to take advantage of the possibilities and has recently opened offices in Warsaw and Prague. If the profession of quantity surveyor appears a narrow discipline, it is certainly expanded in Gleeds' operations in hese two capitals.

The company is grappling with tasks ranging from feasibility studies and construction cost planning to general property advice, project management and evalua-tions for privatisation — all aspects of construction work.

The local view in Warsaw, describing the office market as

he long recession in Brit-ain, bringing stagnation space", contains some truth, and illustrates the challenge for the Polish government and overseas investors. There is a serious shortage of good office space, which has pushed rents in central Warsawup to £40 a so ft, and the infrastruc-

ture needs to be upgraded.
From the Gleeds' office in the
Palace of Culture, the vast building provided by Stalin that dominates Warsaw's skyline, Ray Tanner, the partner in charge, says that the first task was

educational.

"We have been speaking to ministers and mayors about the development process, about tendering and competition methods, value for money and cost control,"

There is a lack of know-how and that must be gained. Otherwise, we will see a mess."

A serious obstacle to development is land ownership. Three or four people can claim to own the same land and the difficulties of settling ownership is stopping

Mr Tanner says that many companies intend to make Warsaw their Polish headquarters and the country needs "some really the Poles how to build efficiently and quickly

He argues also that there should be greater British investment and suggests that one of the main banks should go to Poland to facil-

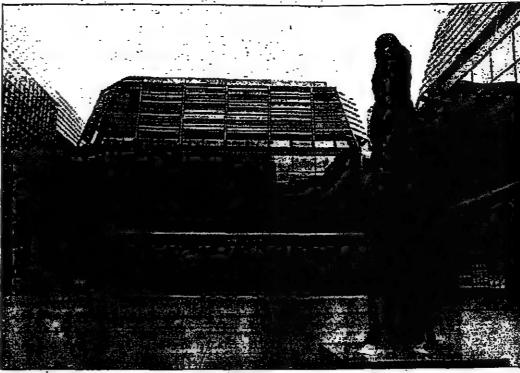
At present, the Austrians dominate the field. I ney are engaged in several projects, including a business centre, hotels and accommodation. Swedish companies, too, are prominent, their main scheme being the 150,000 sq m (about 1.6 million sq ftj Eurocenter, by CA Real Estate Development Com-pany, which will provide a five-star hotel, a health centre, offices, shops and a restaurant.

The Bristol Hotel, retaining a fine period façade, is a scheme for a five-star hotel for Trusthouse Forte-Orbis. The project is taking a long time but is now nearing tion. The developers aim to make it Warsaw's leading hotel.

Gleeds' activity here lies mainly in feasibility studies, valuations and organising international development competitions, so in these early months about 75 per cent of

its work is speculative.

The Prague office, which



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role. As in Warsaw, Gleeds has formed im association with a local multi-discipline construction con-

There is more activity in Prague than in Warsaw, and the "transformation" appears to be further advanced. However, the familiar issues of property ownership and land restitution and investment

remain prinrities. Dr Jaromir Veprek, of the Czech

institute of economy, emphasised to me the urgent need for foreign capital. "It is slightly sad that most of it is from Germany," he said. "Why not from Britain? German were attractive. policy is to gain influence here,

and Spain. Britain is over-He said that all Czech enter-

and the German firms offer better

terms. After them, come Austria

privatisation. He urged British companies to consider joint ven-tures, in which tax advantages

The first large office development scheme carried out by a British business is a refurbish-ment near Wenceslas Square in the city centre, by Flow East, a small enterprise trying to do what the bigger companies are not yet prepared to risk. Steven Davis, of

Flow East, says funding is difficult to obtain. "Barclays is here, but is not geared up for funding. Neither is the Czech government. The Germans and Austrians are more bullish, the British more cautious. We are very excited about investment in Czechoslovakia but we need British or Czech funding."

Gleeds has been involved in Flow East's projects, and has undertaken a wide range of work. One of its latest schemes is project management for the conversion of a restaurant building to offices at the National Theatre complex, and it is eyeing several prime sites for development, and appraising bids for a £100 million trade centre scheme.

Ralph Turner, the head of Gleeds Prague office, explains his approach: "We want to be involved in construction work, and that means we have to do more than be just quantity surveyors. There are a lot of tourists, but a lack of hotels and infrastructure, and a lack of restaurants. The leisure industry has great poten-tial, with huge interest from Ger-mans and Austrians in the spa industry. Our interest is in offices

and hotels."
He says developers have been interested in sounding out the market, but many are waiting until the difficulties surrounding

land ownership are cleared up. The scale of the challenge, and the season why developers and investors will go in eventually is summed up in Mr Turner's comment. "There are great opportunities in Poland and Czechoslowkie for 50 news of building." vakia for 50 years of building".

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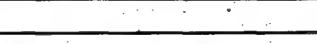
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An Englishman's home is his chalet

Buying property in Switzerland is still an uphill task, but Diana Wildman finds that restrictions designed to keep foreigners out are being relaxed

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At present, property-buying re-strictions for non-Swiss residents who want to acquire residential property there are strict. By quota, only 1,600 homes are available annually and then only in designated regions — mainly holiday resorts. Geneva, Zurich and Berne have long since been closed to foreign buyers, but the two lake-side cities of Montreux and Lugano now have some homes available for non-Swiss.

Switzerland will allow the electorate to decide at a referendum whether it will ultimately join the EC. Recent opinion polls suggest that a majority are now in favour, of joining eventually.

If Switzerland does become a full EC member, most of the restrictions will have to be phased out. Switzerland will have to fall in line with other member countries to allow non-Swiss buyers from EC countries the same rights of purchase as its citizens.

Swiss property should then be available to all potential purchasers from EC countries on the same basis as it would be to the Swiss. But purchasers from non-EC member countries will continue to be subject to any purchasing restrictions the Swiss might

Switzerland introduced its current stringent regulations as more and more wealthy would-be buyers became keen to invest in such a safe financial haven.

The designated areas are mostly in ski resorts. A particular favourite is Villars in the canton of Vaud, a chocolate-box village complete with Alpine chalets, cake shops and restaurants specialising in fondue and raclette dishes.

In common with many such ski regions, there is a wide selection of summer activities, including an 18-hole golf course, huge sports complex, outdoor swimmingpools and tennis courts, as well as glacier skiing. Villars is little more than an

hour's journey by car or train from Geneva, making weekend skiing from Britain a viable proposition. But resale regulations are restric-

Residence Chaperon Rouge near the ski resort of Villars: one-bedroom apartments are available

tive and anybody planning to invest in Swiss property should consider carefully the very complex rules and obtain professional advice before committing

Simon Malster is a partner with Osbornes, a London firm of solicitors, which also acts as UK agents

for Finger SA, a Swiss developer building chalets and apartments with a quota for foreign buyers in both Villars and Montreux. Mr Malster says: "A foreigner may sell his or her property to a Swiss person two years after purchase, subject to a limitation of the profit

years, it may be possible to sell the property to another foreigner, but this would be at the discretion of the cantonal authorities.

"After ten years of ownership. you could automatically obtain permission to sell to another foreigner." The recession, however, has now hit the Swiss property market. Not

only are fewer nationals buying holiday homes but the income, assets and businesses of foreigners are suffering. This has led to a slight relaxation of regulations.

Mr Maister adds: "The rules for foreigners purchasing property in Switzerland have certainly been relaxed. I find that authorisations for foreign buyers are being processed more quickly, within three or four weeks rather than two or three months. Now the rules seem generally to be interpreted in a more

sbornes is selling a selection of apartments and villas in and around Villars. Residence Chaperon, Rouge is in the centre of Chesières, a village 15 minutes' walk from Villars and linked to the ski circuit. Of the 24 units, five onebedroom apartments are still for sale and available for immediate occupation. They are priced at between £100,000 and £140,000.

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McCarthy & Stone also has about 60 apartments left at its Reine Blanche apartment block in Val Thorens. The resort is the highest of the three villages that make up the ski area known as Les Trois Vallées. the largest skiable area in the world. Even Val Thorens's keenest friends

would not describe the village as characterful, with its serried ranks of modern apartment blocks. The resort has, however, a long skiing season, often from early December until early May, plus a summer glacier skiiing season. The snow stays crisp and powdery at Val

Thorens. Prices start from £33,000 for a studio apartment with a sittingroom-cum-bedroom, bathroom and kitchenette, through a range of sizes up to a four-bedroom duplex for

Buyers requiring a more sophisticated ski resort than Val Thorens offering glizy, but expensive night life, and who would rather live in a ski town than a village might consider Crans-Montana, a few miles from Villars.

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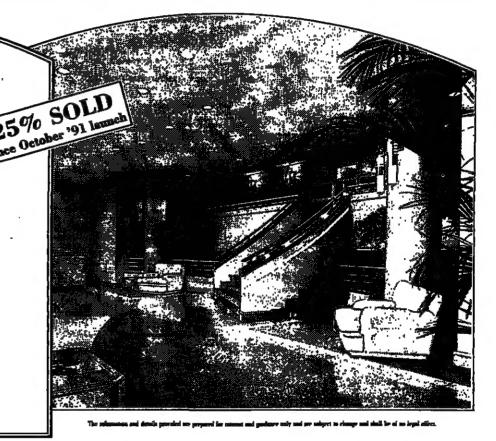
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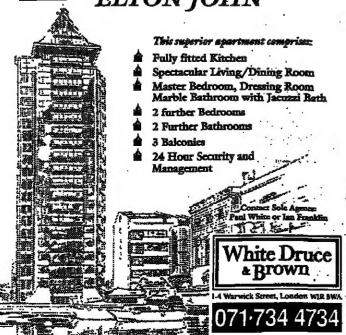
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Ex parte Bateman Before Lord Justice Nolan and

(Judgment February 28) A legally aided plaintiff who was concerned that her solicitors had not been properly remunerated following a taxation of costs did not have a sufficient interest in the matter and therefore lacked the locus standi necessary to apply for judicial review of the Legal Aid Board's refusal of authority to apply to a judge for a review.

In considering whether to grant authority to apply to a judge for a review of a taxation the Legal Aid Board had to take into account factors other than merely whether the applicant had a good argu-

The Queen's Bench Divisional
Court so held, dismissing an
application by Elizabeth May
Bateman for an order of certion rari to quash the board's decision to refuse to grant her authority to refuse to grant her authority under regulation 114 of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations (SI 1989 SI No 339) to apply to a judge to review a taxation of costs in proceedings in which she had been a plaintiff.

Mr Leslie Joseph, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the ap-plicant, Mr Guy Mansfield for the Legal Aid Board.

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that in the proceedings in which the applicant had been a plaintiff providing for the defendants to pay the plaintiff's costs, such costs to be taxed on the standard basis

if not agreed. The applicant's solicitors, E. Rex Makin & Co, had agreed to limit their costs to such sums as were recovered pursuant to the order, so that there would be no charge against the legal aid fur nor any charge by the Legal Aid Board against the property of the

applicant.
The solicitors had been dissatisfied with the taxation of their costs and had obtained authority under regulation 113 of the 1989 Regulations to call in their objections. Being still dissatisfied they had sought authority from the Legal Aid Board to apply to a judge for a further review. The application had been refused.

The applicant had then successfully applied to her local legal aid area authority for legal

legal aid area authority for legal aid to bring proceedings for judicial review challenging that decision.

It was the first time that a

decision by the Legal Aid Board to refuse authorisation under regulation 114 had been challenged by way of an application for judicial review but the board had accepted from the outset that such a challenge could properly be made by a person with suf-ficient interest in the outcome. The board had also accepted that the solicitors had had such an interest, because if the taxation had been reviewed by a judge a greater or the whole of the costs laimed by them might have been

But the applicant, the board said, had no such interest. She stood to gain nothing if the application succeeded. On the other hand, if it failed, an order for costs would normally have been made against her which, with the leave of the court, could have been enforced if and when she came into any funds.

The applicant accepted that she terest on financial grounds. She submitted, however, that she had or was to be deemed to have a sufficient interest (a) as the plain-tiff in whose name and for whose benefit the original proceedings had been brought, (b) by reason of her interest in seeing that her solicitors were properly remu-nerated for services provided by them to her. (c) by virtue of the public interest in the proper administration of justice and of the legal aid scheme. (d) by virtue of the provisions of section 31 of

the Legal Aid Act 1988, and (e) by virtue of regulations 113-120 of the 1989 Regulations. The first thing to observe about

sisted person such as the applicant, who had no interest in the results of the taxation, understandably had no right to take

part in it. Nonetheless, the applicant submitted, she had a legitimate concern in seeing that her solic-itors were properly remunerated. interests of justice so

ment by the solicitors to limit their costs to what they could recover on taxation, the applicant had a moral obligation to support them by bringing those proceedings. She was not a "mere busybody". His Lordship fully accepted that there was a public interest in the administration of justice and that that interest extended to the proper exercise by the Legal Aid Board of their power to grant or withhold authority under regula-

It by no means followed that any member of the public had a sufficient interest to justify proceedings for judicial review in espect of any exercise of that

power.

The crucial feature of the present case was that the principal if not the only party directly affected by the refusal of authority was the firm of solicitors.

No one doubted that that they were well able to take care of themselves. Why then had they not taken on their own shoulders the burden and the risk of costs

nvolved in bringing forward this application? The spectacle of the solicitors conducting those proceedings in the name of the applicant for their own benefit, with the backing of

her legal aid certificate, was Irrespective of the question whether the applicant should have been granted legal aid for the purpose of bringing the proceedings, irrespective of the question whether she could con-ceivably have authorised them without the benefit of legal aid, the inevitable answer to the quesficient interest in the subject matter of the proceedings was

His Lordship accepted that a sufficient interest need not be a financial interest and accepted the desirability of the courts recognising in appropriate cases the right of responsible citizens to enter the lists for the benefit of the public, or of a section of the public, of which they themselves

Were members.

His Lordship could not accept that the feelings of graitinds and sympathy which the applicant entertained for the solicitors afforded any sufficient justification for her, either in her own interest or in the public interest, to enter the lists on their behalf.

It would be inaccurate as well as

discourteous to describe her as a busybody but her attempt to intervene was at best quinotic and could not be upheld. If it had been necessary for the court to determine the case on the basis of the legality or otherwise of the board's refusal of authority under regulation 114 his Lord-ship would have arrived at the

same conclusion. The applicant had submitted that authority to apply for review by a judge should be granted where the applicant showed able case.

His Lordship agreed, however, with the board's submission that although a good arguable case, or in other words a reasonable prospect of success, was essential it could not be regarded as sufficient in itself to justify the grant of authority.

There were other factors which

had to be taken into account. The strength of the applicant's claims must be the primary concern but the board had to also bear in mind that unless the costs of the review by the judge could be recovered from another party they would fall upon the legal aid fund. Clearly it would be undesirable as well as impracticable for the

into account in such a case.

The applicant had comended The applicant had contended that there was a good arguable case for challenging the decision and that the taxation proceedings involved not only a substantial amount of money but also issues of principle which were of importance to the legal profession. In his Lordship's judgment neither proposition held good.

Mr Justice Jowitt gave a concurring judgment.

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Case stated better

Ex parte Joseland and

The appropriate route to the Divisional Court from the mag-istrates' court was by way of case stated. That was the route pre-scribed by Parliament and ju-dicial review of justices' decisions should be sought only when it was for some reason inapposite or

lor some reason mapposue of clearly inappropriate to proceed by way of case stated.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Brooke) so beld on February 20 in dismissing

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MR JUSTICE BROOKE said the task of the court had been made unnecessarily difficult because the applicants had proceeded by way of judicial review. Had the justices stated a case the court would have known what their findings of fact were and would have identified the relevant points of law for the court's decision.

will makes it valid

Wood and Another v Smith and Another Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Scott

[Judgment February 20] Where a testator made a sig-nature intending to give effect to his will before he made any dispositive provisions, that could be a valid execution of a will so as to satisfy section 9(b) of the Wills Act 1837, as amended by the Administration of Justice Act 1982, provided that the signing and subsequent dispositions all

and subsequent dispositions and formed part of one transaction. The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Clive Smith and Gwendoline Harvey, the legates under a will dated April 18, 1986, against a decision of Mr David Gilliland QC, sitting as a deputy Chancery Division judge (The Times July 10, 1990) whereby he refused their constructions of the property of the construction o their counterclaim for pronounce-ment in solemn form of that will and granted the claim of Mary Wood and John Stuart Seveld, the executors of the estate of Percy Winterbone who died on April 20, 1986, for pronouncement in sol-emn form of a will dated June 30,

Mr Hedley Marten for the legatees: Mr Thomas Dumont for

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT, giving the judgment of the court, said that the deputy judge had refused to admit the document of April 18, 1986 to probate on two grounds: first, that the document had not been duly executed in accordance with section 9 of the Wills Act 1837, as amended, and

had signed a professionaly drawn will. On April 18, 1986, two days before he died, he made another

testator's own handwriting and started: "My will by Percy Winterbone of 150B High Street, Margate."

The testator did not sign his name at the foot of the will. Two attesting witnesses signed the will at the bottom and when one of them, pointed out that the te had not signed it, he replied: "Yes I have I have signed it at the top. It can be signed anywhere." The question was whether the document satisfied the substituted section 9 of the Wills Act

1837, under which no will could

be valid unless "(a) it is in writing

ne vaint uniess (a) it is in writing and signed by the testator." and "(b) it appears that the testator intended by his signature to give effect to the will. " It was contended before the deputy jurige that the writing of his name by the testator as part of the phrase: "My will by Percy Winterbone" did not constitute a descent of the phrase: "My will by Percy Winterbone" did not constitute a descent of the phrase was the descent of the phrase will be the phrase with the phrase will be the phrase with the phrase will be the phras

signature. The deputy judge ruled against that contention. It was then contended that because the name had been written at the top, before the dispositive contents had been written that could not have been intended to give effect to those dispositions. The judge ruled in

favour of that contention, holding that paragraph 9(b) had not been complied with.

There could be no doubt that the parliamentary intention in substituting the new section 9 was to simplify the requirements for the execution and witnessing of a

the execution and witnessing of a will. The court agreed with the deputy judge that a written name, not being a normal signature, was capable of being a signature, was capable of being a signature for section 9(a) purposes but did not agree that for section 9(b) purposes that necessarily had to be appended after the contents had been necessarily. In In re White, dec'd [1991] Ch

1), Mr Andrew Parke, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, said that he would have no

will created in the following way:
"First, the testator takes a blank piece of paper and signs it at the bottom. Secondly, as part of the same continuing process, he writes above his signature This is my last will and testament. I leave everything to my wife.' Third, he gets his signature attested by two witnesses. In that case it is all one operation and it could not matter document before the dispositive wording of the will."

The court agreed that in the case postulated the will would have been validly executed. It also agreed that if the writing of the will and the appending of the signature were all one operation in did not matter whereabouts on the document or when in the course of the writing the signature

The deceased had indicated in clear terms that be regarded his name written by him as his signature. That established that he had complied with the terms of

section 9(a).

By writing "My will by Percy Winterbone" it was also established that the deceased intended to give testamentary effect to the document and that satisfied the equirements of section 9(b).

The writing by the deceased of the contents of the document had been part of one operation. It followed that the deputy judge ought to have ruled in favour of due execution of the

Having read the transcript and having reviewed the findings of fact made by the deputy judge, their Lordships could not inter-fere with his conclusion that the onus of establishing testamentary city had not been discharged The appeal would be dismissed. Solicitors: Lovell Son & Pitfield for Robinson & Allfree, Broadstairs; Girlings, Margate.

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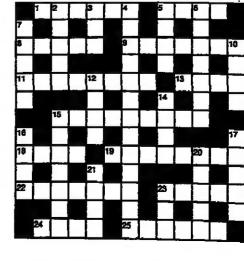
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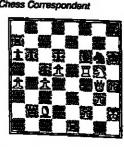
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BBC 1

- 6.00 Ceefax (89636) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (57070926) 9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9271487) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Paul and Jeanne Rankin prepare trio of chicken Roscoff (8244723)
- 10.00 News, regional news and weather (8188433) 10.05 Playdays (r) (8734758) 10.25 Bump (r) (8161520) 10.35 No Kidding. Family quz game show (s) (9602452) ...

 11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Holiday. Jimmy Mulville cruises with Club Med and David Jessel spends a long weekend in the control of the control of
- Morocco (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3251013) 11.30 People Today presented by Miriam Stoppard and Adrian Mills (9037926) 12.20 Pebble Mit. Music and chat introduced by Judi Spiers (2757655) 12.55 Regional News and weather (60389839)
- 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (31758)
 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (41329079) 1.50 Going for Gold.
 General knowledge quiz with European contestants, hosted by the
- perspicacious Henry Kelly (47729015)

 2.15 Hawali Five-O. McCarrett investigates a murder case in which his former fiances is the prime suspect. Starting Jack Lord (7301471)

 3.05 Help Your Child With Science. How day trips and holidays can help children to learn about the natural world (1972487)
- 3.15 Primetime. Last in the series of the topical magazine for the older viewer, presented by David Jacobs and Sheila McClennon
- (6305162)
 3.50 Caterpillar Trail. Nature series. Nocla Devies visits the chalk grasslands of Witshire and Stuart Bradley is in the Somerset wettands (r) (638891) 4.05 Fiddley Foodle Bird. Animation (s) (4029452) 4.15 Jackanory. Rory McGrath reads *The Boggart Who Wouldn't Tell Her Name* by Martin Riley (r) (s) (5295549) 4.30 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (8880365) 4.35 Bucky O'Hare (1127574) 5.00 Newsround (3957162) 5.10 A Likely Lad. Episode three of the six-part children's drama set at the turn-of-the-century. (Ceefax) (s)
- 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceelax) (a) (638742). Northern Ireland: Inside
- 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (471) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (723). Northem Ireland: Neighbours
 7.00 Liverpool in Europe. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage
 of the Liefa cup quarter-final between Genoa and Liverpool at the
 Luigi Ferraris Stadium. The commentators are Barry Devies and
- Trevor Booking (71998407) 9.20 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Fitness fanatics Todd, Mikhail and Mary Marinovich (9.50pm)

 CHOICE: Marv Marinovich is a fitness coach from California who is determined that his children shall become sporting superstars. To that end he starts training them when they are barely out of napples. Out goes junk food, in comes an intensive regime of physical activity. The process has apparently worked with Marv's oldest son, Todd, who has become an outstanding American footballer. Now he is trying to work the magic on his younger children, who are only three and five. The film raises the obvious questions of whether it is possible to manufacture ethiletes in this ray and, if so, whether it is desirable. The first question leads to

the nature-nurture debate, the second to stories of ten-year-olds getting arthritis and stress fractures. But it seems most American

ids get too little exercise, not too much. (Ceefex) (411839) 10.20 Film: Plain Clothes (1988) starring Ariss Howard, Suzy Amis and George Wendt. A made-for-television cornedy about a raw policeman who is assigned to investigate the murder in a classroom of his old teacher. His prime suspect is his younger brother. Directed by Martha Coolidge. (Ceefax) (259669)

11.55 Weather (951988) 12.00 Close 2.00am The Way Ahead. The seventh programme in the series explaining April's new benefits for the disabled (r) (6973259)
 2.15 The Way Ahead. A repeat of the first six programmes (208211).

SOLVES ROOF PROBLEMS

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Caring for Data (8101810). Ends at 7.16 **8.00 Breckfast News** (9848810)

- 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of news from both Houses (8915278) Daytime on 2: Tutorial Topics 9.10 Christianity in a material World (s) 9.30 Diez Ternas 9.45 You and Me 10.00 Thinkabout Science 10.15 Search Out Science 10.40 Around Scotland 11.00 Words and Pictures 11.15 English Time 11.35 Teaching Today 12.05 TV6: Nippon - the Learning Machine 12.30 Lifeschool 12.55 An. Introduction to Mexican Spanish 1.20 Pigeon Street 1.35 King Rollo 1.40 Tales from Europe - Czechoslovakia
- 2.00 News and weather (74499742) followed by You and Me (r) (56022487) 2.15 Carwas. Michael Canney explores the folk art collection at the American Museum near Beth (32134520) 2.35. Country File. A repeat of Sunday's actition which saw the launch of Flora Britannica, a nationwide research project to assess the cultural and visual importance of plents in the 1990s (6279704)

 3.00 News and weather (3708520) followed by Westminster Liva, introduced by Vivian White (6564988) 3.50 News, regional news
- and weather (4771549)
 4.00 Catchword. Paul Coix with another edition of the game wordsmiths (a) (636) 4.30 Seabrook's Year. The first of five programmes about an important year in the We of Richard Seabrook, shepherd and freelance farm worker (r) (520)
- Seatmonk, shepherd and treetance farm worker (?) (520)
 5.00 Holiday Outlings. J.:hn Diamond reports on a week's stay in New York at the Penta Hotel (?) (3955704)
 5.10 Horizon: An Expensive Theology. A documentary investigation into how the government determines the budget for science (r). (Ceetax) (a) (3252810)
 6.00 Star Treit: The Next Generation. Science fiction adventures. This week unbelocuted in the craw of the USS Enterprise. Captain
- week, unbeknown to the crew of the USS Enterprise, Captain
- week, unbestrown to the craw of the USS Emergrae, Capuan Picard is kidnapped and replaced by an evil look-elike. Starring Patrick Stewart, (Ceefax) (503029) 6.50 DEF II begins with Reportage, presented by Aminatta Forna (379097) 7.30 Rapido. Includes Brit award winner Seel talking
- about Aids research (549) 3.00 The Day the World Changed. In the last of the series Roger Scruton selects November 4, 1789, when a radical sermon and a letter from overseas provoked Edmund Burke into writing Reflections on the Revolution in France (594075)



East v West: advantage Marshal Tito of Yuzoslavia (8.10mm) atch: Tito. The second in a two-part series celebrating the 100th anniversary of Marshal Tito's birth. This programme examines how, after the end of the second world war, Tito was able to play the east against the west to his own advantage

9.00 Film: Poeitive ID (1967) starring Stephenie Roscoe and John Davies. A psychological thriller about a housewife who, after being viciously assaulted, formulates a deadly plan of revenge. Directed

by Andy Anderson (3617)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxmen (169013)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (934758)

11.55 Weather (361618) 12.00 Open University: Literature in the Modern World (30719). Ends at 12.30am

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1.25 Lucky Eadders. Word association game hosted by Lennie Herry (s) (9351723) 9.55 Thames News (6216810) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stepleton chairs a topical

saion (a) (6845487)

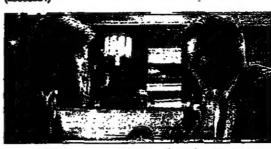
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (4534704) 12.10 Allsorts. Children's entertainment (s) (9437162) 12.50 News.with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Russier. (Oracle) Weather

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1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (83859723) 1.50 A Country Practice (s) (96082723)
2.20 Grähein Kerr. The former Geloping Gournel prepares a Thai select sendwich (46194838) 2.50 Take the High Read. Soop set in

the Highlands (6287723)
3.15 ITN News headlines (3725297) 3.20 Themes News headlines (3715810) 3.26 The Young Doctors. City-based Australian medical drama (8196162)

medical drama (8198182)
3.55 The Dreamstone. Carboon fantasy series (s) (4792182) 4.20
Finders Keepers. Destructive game show (6718723) 4.50 Owl
TV. Children's wildlife and environmental series (5012182)
5.10 Herne and Amay (r). (Oracle) (8983452)
5.40 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (892013)
5.55 Themse Help. Community action news, introduced by Jackie Spreckley (117100) 6.90 Themse News. (Oracle) (839)
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The European Matteh. Elton Waistry introduces live coverage of the European Cup Winners' cup quarter-final first leg between Feyencord and Tottenheim Hotspur in Rottardam. The commentators are Brian Moore and the former England and outgoing PSV Einchoven manager, Bobby Robeon. Plus extended highlights of the first leg of the Rumbelows cup semi-final between Middleebrough and Manchester United at Ayresome Park



Paris mateix Emmanuelle Seigner and Harrison Ford (9.15pm)

9.15 Film: Frantic (1968). @ CHOICE: The name of Roman Polanski on the director's credit may raise expectations that the film does not fulfil, but it is a amouthly efficient thriller with an agreeable light touch. Harrison Ford plays an American doctor who arrives in Paris for a medical Ford plays an American doctor who arrives in Paris for a medical conference, loses his suficase and becomes involved in a hectic search for his missing wife. The acript, by Polansid and his regular colleborator Gérard Brach, makes the most of Ford as the innocent abroad, introduces Emmanuelle Seigner as a shady lady who helps Ford in his quest and works in the sort of set-pieces, notably a precarious trip across the Montmartre roof-tope, that were reliated by Alfred Hitchcock. Frantic misses the dark and subversive quality of Polansic's best work but he needed a safe haven offer the disease of Finates and here it is (continuous effective.) haven after the disaster of Pirates and here it is (continues after the news). (Oracle) (s) (568758) 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewert and Carol Barnes. (Oracle)

Weather (40013) 10.30 Thames News (310297) 10.40 Film: Frantic continued (8643836) 12.10em Film: The Black Rose (1950) starting Tyrons Power and Orson

Welles. Romantic drams, set in the 13th century, about a Secon nobleman who wisely decides to leave England after leading an nocleman who wasty decides to leave England after leading an unsuccessful revolt against the king, and makes his way to the orient in the company of his faithful bowman. Once there they join the caravan of a Mongut chieftain and make the acquaintence of his captive known as the Black Rose, Directed by Henry Hathaway (24821747) 2.15 America's Top Ten (a) (44950)

2.45 Videofashion. A look at primitive fashion (6006124)

3.10 Quiz Night presented by Ted Robbins (37861872)

3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror. Featuring Freddy, Wee Craven's creation for his hightmere on Elm Street series of films (r) (29183037)

4.10 Along the Cotswold Way. Clive Gunnell irrevels from Painswick to Prinknash Abbey (13260619) 4.40 Pifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreels (36524921) 5.00 Witness to Strylival. Two more stories of survival against the

odds (57827) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (95414). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

Charmel 4 Daily (3894029) 9.25 Schools (54118839)
 12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Glyn Mathias (47926)
 12.30 Business Daily. The lastest news and analysis from the world's money markets (60549)
 1.00 Seesane Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series. The second in the series of the second in the series of the second in the series of the second in the second

guest is actor Tim Robbins (54704)
2.00 Film: This is My Affair (1937, b/w) starring Robert Taylor and Barbara Stamwyok. Period drama set at the turn-of-the century about a US Navy officer who is sent undercover by President McKinley to infiltrate a gang of train robbers. He is arrested at the same time as the assassi William A. Seiter (281297) sination of the president. Directed by

3.55 Pete Smith Specialities: Aquatic Kids. A group of youngsters demonstrate water skiing skills at Florida's Cypress Gardens (r)

(6728100) price: Learning To Be Ladies. A look behind the scenes

et an English finishing school (r) (704)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game (s) (988)

5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Today's guest is Oliver Stona, the director of the controversial JFK film (4707433)

5.55 Leurel and Hardy. Cartoon adventures (r) (115742) 6.00 Kete and Alie. Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin star in the

comedy series about two divorcess sharing single parenthood and a Greenwich Village home. (Teletext) (181)

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests include the former West Indian cricket captain Viv Richards (s) (433)

nel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badewi. (Teletext) 7.00 Cha

(243075)
7.58 Party Political Comment from a Conservative party politician

(469555)

8.00 Brookside, Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (1655)



The benefits of a Meditenanean-style diet: Drew Smith (8.30pm)

8.30 The Food File. The Food File.
• CHOICE: The first edition of a new food series tells us something we have heard many times before but probably need to hear again, that greasy breekfasts, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks form one of the quickest routes to an early grave. The healthlest diet in Europe, according to the programme, is that enjoyed by people on the Mediterranean coests of Spain, fitaly and Greece, it comprises fruit and vegetables, fish, cereals and, above all, olive oil, with not a steek or a piece of cheese in sight. To make the point the show descends on an overweight family from Worthing and ancourages them to swop their fry-ups for a healthy Mediterranean cuisine. The results will be revealed next week. Meanwhile Food File looks like them to swop their sty-ups for a heatiny Macinerranean cussus. The results will be revealed next week. Meanwhile Food File looks like being a crisp and pertinent serice that promises to treat the subject with a welcome lack of reverence. (Teletaxt) (s) (3902) 9.00 Dispetches. A documentary exposure of the inadequacies in the computer system at the Sizewell B power station that could jeopardise the future of nuclear power in this country (470549) 9.45 Letters from St Petersburg. The trind of six programmes from

10.30 The Jack Dee Show. More comedy from the deadour-feced funny men. The guest is singer Sem Brown (24075)
11.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Up-to-date comedy, when first shown, let in a television newscoom (r) (s) (5029) Pissee Hermer Don't Hurt "Em. A musical drama written and

performed by rap star MC Hammer (r) (s) (219471)
12.25ee Tonight with Jonathan Rose (r) (s) (8244056)
12.55 Dick Spanner. Puppet series created by Gerry Anderson about a cool New York private investigator (8263676). Ends at 1.00

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4.15 The Chipmank Adventure (1999):
Carson (7305384)
5.50 Spotlight (355487)
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9.50 Dracota (1993); b/w): Famit Langells sters as the blood-eacking Count (886655)
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NETWORK 2

RADIO 3

8.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Elgar
(Overture, Coclaigne); Bruch
(Kol Nidre); 7.30 News.
7.36 Morning Concert (cont);
Chausson (Soir de filte);
Rachmaninov (Pisno Trio No 1
in G minor); Nielsen
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sancte fortis; Mess for four voices; Sothaing Song; If Ye Love Me; Hear the Voice and Preyer, Videte miraculum; Honor, virtus, et potestas) 5 Mildweek Choles: Mozart (Divertimento in D, K 334, 1-3 mvts: members of the Vienna Octat); Allegi (Meerers: Talia Scholars under Phillips); Borodin (Plano Quints); Elgar (Sospir: New Phillistmonia under Barbirolli); Moxwell under Serbiroll); Maxwell Device (Yeanaby Ground, Dances from The Two-

Fiddlers, Farewall to Stromness: SCO members under the composer, pieno); Berber (String Quertet, Op 11: Cleveland Quertet); Brainne (Alto Rhepeody: Helen Watte; Lausanne Pro-Arte Chorus; Suisse Romande Chorus and Orchestra under Ansarmet); Mozart (Divertimento in D, K

384, 4-6mvta) BBC Concert Orchestra under Jacques Delacite, Tasmin Little, violin, performs Bernstein (Overture Candide); Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo Capricoloso); Massene

(Ballet, excerpts from Le Cid, Fauré (Dolly Suite); Massenst (Méditation, Thalis); Chabrier (España)

1.00pm News

1.05 Concert Hall: The plantet William Howard plays Fibich (Ten Pieces, Moods, Impressions and Souvenins); Janádek (In the Mista); Smetana (Medbeth and the Witches, En Bohème, La Féle des paysans bohámiens, Six Dreams)

1.00 Resport Paudem (M.)

4.00 Choral Evensong for Ash
Wednesday, five from the
chapel of St John's College,
Cambridge
6.00 The Resignes of Morocco:
Donald Mecleod presents
music from the Berber songposts of Morocco
6.30 Islandy for Pleasure
7.00 News.

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7.05 Third Eart Robert Hewison chairs a discussion in which Francis Fukuyerna ergues that liberal democracy marks the Where democracy marks the end of history
7.30 Trousmats the Milliansteam;
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Rattle, with singace Peter Hall,
Nigel Robson, Stephen
Roberts and Bryan Bernhstyne
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and ended in otter in-law threatened to blow Kipling's brains out). The Kiplings' house now stands empty. although the writer's armo wrote The Jungle Books were still there the lest time Wilders visited Vernont

9.30 The Geng That Feil Apert:
Defines at Noon. The
second of a three-part history
of the Social Democratic

19.15 German Keyboard Music:

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First of two programmes in which Throthy Roberts explores music of the late Renaissance
18.50 Double Reed Takes Over:
Douglas Boyd, oboe and oboe d'amore, lein Burnelde, pisno, perform Mozart (Sonsta in Eminor, K 304); Kelliwode (Morcosu de Salon, Op 228); Schumann (Phantesiestucke, Op 73) (7) 11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Concocers of the Week, Roseira '7)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotlend) (as Radio 5 at Sarn)

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10.00-10.30mm Trade Raig (FM
only): Ceterer and
Hotelkeeper, Nick Baker looks
at the Whit of six newspapers

10.00 Delty Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Iselah.
Read by Devid Neel (10 of 16)
10.30 Women's Hour reports on
maternity care, Incl 11.00
News
11.30 Gardeners' Operation Time:

Clay Jones hosts a postbag edition (r)

12.00 You and Yours, with Margaret Collins

12.250m Out of Order: Patrick Hunnen chairs the political relation (r)

Hannan chairs the politics quiz (s) 12.55 Weather 1.90 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 My Uncle Freddie

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● CHOICE: The formula that shaped Alex Ferguson's first three plays about tamily life on Tyneside in the 1930s — fact missed with faction, grim inclustrial reality tempered with humour — is notably at work again in this, the first play in his second trilogy. Again, wise old Alex (Ferguson) is looking back at his premeturely wise younger self and his adored uncle (Art Davies). The identity of the beby bdy dropped from a tram and caught by Uncle Frieddie is cleverly held back until the play's closing

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10.00 The Gojden Girls. Delightful comedy series about four women of a certain age sharing a Mami beachtront home. (Teletext) (a)

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RADIO 4

3.42 Profile: A new series of radio portraits, Mike Rosen explores the fantasy literary world of Terry Pratichett News

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Scorese's latest film, Cape
Feer, starring Robert DeNiro,
Nick Notite and Jessice Lange;
and Fred Zinneman's
autobiography; previews the
new Chamel 4 dname series,
The Camonille Lawn; and the

4.45 Short Story: When the Door Sighe ... by Michael Carson. Read by Mark Lambort 5.00 PM 5.50 Weather 5.55 and magazines serving different trades or professions

Shipping Forecast 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin

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7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth (FM only)
A new environmental series (r)
7.45 Limpopo Lives (FM only):
South Africa — Young Lions.
The last of three talks by Adeola Solanke about her travels in southern Africa
7.20 Worsan's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.30 Medictine Now (r)
8.30 Insmortal Diamonds: A Solitary Voyager. Rosemary Hartill explores the poetry of Samuel Taylor Coleridge (3 of 6) (s)

The Camomie Lawn; and the singer and storyteiler Jim Eldon performs in the studio

6) (s) 9.00 Protestors for Paradise:
What Will the Church Be Like
In the 21st Century? In the
finel programme of the series,
Brian Racheed looks to the

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